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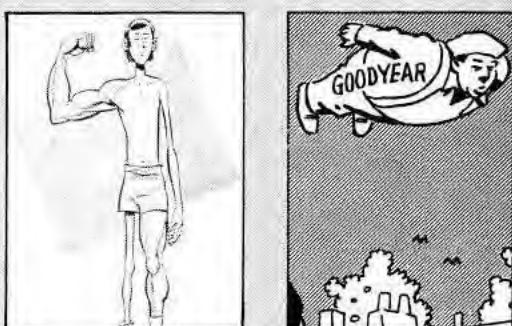
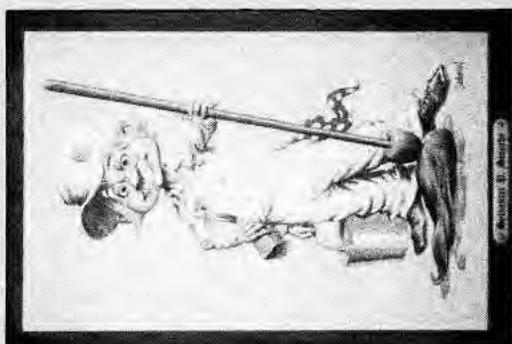
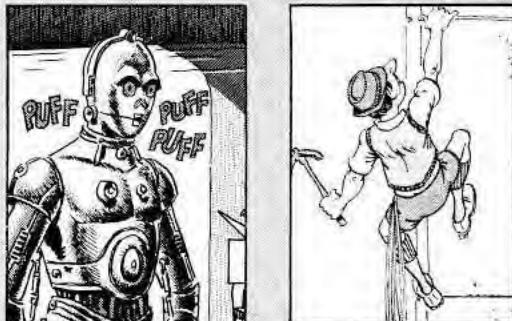
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WHAT'S UP FRONT  
OUR COVER

AHA!! We caught you Sylvester!  
Man, you sure had us fooled; we  
always thought John Severin  
painted the covers. You better  
finish your self-portrait in a hurry  
'cause you'll look awful silly on the  
newsstand like that!



# LETUCE from our Readers



ADDRESS ALL LETTERS TO CRACKED LETTUCE, 235 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, N.Y., N.Y. 10003

Dear CRACKED,

After reading her interview with the INSURANCE KING, I have come to the conclusion that Nanny Dickering deserves a lot more credit than she gets.

Russell Dorcas  
Columbia, S.C.

Dear Russell,

Nanny's been telling her banker that for years.



Dear CRACKED,

Nobody ever writes in to say anything nice about your COLLECTORS' EDITIONS — including the new one on Disaster Movies. And now that I think of it, there are so few traditions left in this country, why break this one. Forget the whole thing.

Rusty Genevie  
Pinellas Park, Fl.

Dear Rusty,

Sure — remind the printer not to run this letter.

Dear CRACKED,

How can anyone resist buying CRACKED? The free gag stickers, cover stickers and postcards are worth the price of the magazine.

Harold Hopkins  
San Francisco, Ca.

Dear Harold,

Wait until you see what else we're coming up with!

Dear CRACKED,

I am an avid canoeist and rolled when I read your CRACKED GUIDE TO CANOEING. However, I would like to point out to your readers that there were a few minor inaccuracies in it and I am enclosing a short list.

Billy Boyden  
Wrentham, Mass.

Editors Note: Due to a lack of space, Mr. Boyden's list will not appear here, but instead, appear as a two volume encyclopedia in your bookstores next year.



Dear CRACKED Staff,

Heard that your accountant found out about the cut-rate subscriptions that you sold when he was on vacation. Honest, I didn't tell him.

Jerry Cushing  
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Jerry,

Somebody out there did! And he knows who he is! Just because of him we don't get lunch hours for 3 weeks.

Dear CRACKED,

Your "Make-Your-Own-T-Shirt Kit" in KING-SIZED CRACKED #11 was THE BEST!! Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Thelma Wright  
Alamogordo, New Mexico

Dear Thelma,

No need to grovel. The fact that you composed your entire letter from the iron-on transfers in the kit and mailed it to us on a t-shirt is enough thanks.

Dear CRACKED,

Your GUIDE TO JOGGING came in very handy yesterday. Reading it gave me the perfect excuse for not going out and doing it. Thanks.

Linda Winters  
Rawlins, Wyoming

Dear Linda,

Why not make it a daily habit of running your eyes through the articles here. Think how healthy they'll be after six months.



Dear CRACKED,

I know you get all kinds of people writing to you, desperately trying to get their letters printed in your terrific magazine but would you please inform me on how one knows for sure if his letter is acceptable?

William Clark, Jr.  
Omaha, Neb.

Dear William (Jr.),

Congratulations! You are now highly qualified to answer your own questions.

Dear CRACKED,

I really like your magazine, but I can't remember how I got started reading it.

Don Ross  
Austin, Tx.

Dear Don,

No need to worry because you probably started the same way everyone else does — with the table of contents.

Dear CRACKED,

What does C + R + A + C + K + E + D equal?

Ernie Bosch  
Tampa, Fl.

Dear Ernie,

According to our humor and wit development research department the actual answer would depend entirely on the square root of the jovial tendency as related to the comical interpretation of the readers, hence all funny tendencies shall be understood as such.



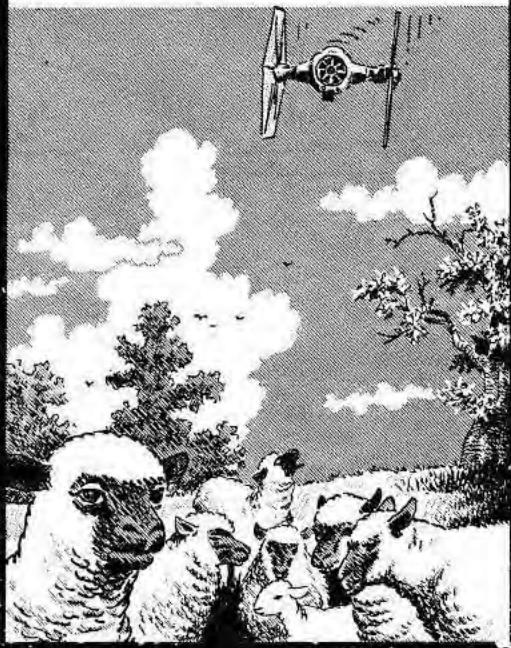
**A** long, long time ago in a galaxy far away . . . Well, you remember that opening. It kicked off the smash movie that's still filling box office vaults all over the world. And CRACKED predicts that it won't be long before the whole crew returns again in yet a second feature, namely the sequel, which would go under the clever title of

# STAR WARS II

O.O. SEVERIN

**It would all begin in a sheep meadow  
on the planet Crackabor.**

**What evil lurks above  
this passive meadow?**



Ha! Ha! Ha!

**POP**

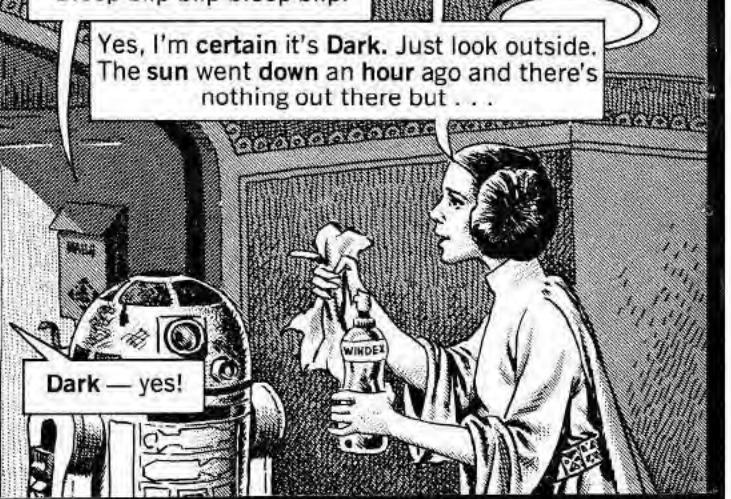
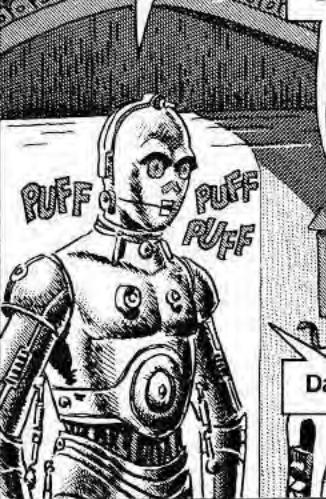
EEEK!!

**Princess Leotard,**  
we rushed over as  
**soon** as we received  
**your message.**

**CPO**, the sheep of Crackabor are being mysteriously dewooled. You must tell your owner, Luck Skystalker, that I'm afraid it's the handywork of — Dark Badar!

Bleep blip blip bleep blip.

A black and white cartoon illustration of a group of goats. One goat on the right is sitting and laughing, with a speech bubble saying "Ha! Ha! Ha!" and a sound effect "POP". Another goat in the foreground is shouting, with a speech bubble saying "EEEEK!!".



Posseidon!  
CRACKED is bringing an upside-down cake as a  
going away present to a passenger on the S.S.

I've been doing some investigating into this matter and it's true — Dark Badar plans to blast all the sheep of Crackabor with his Intergalactic Dewoiler until there's not an unshorn sheep left.

But without wool, no coats can be made. And without coats, the people of Crackabor will freeze their little hoofies off come winter.

Bleep blip  
bleep blip  
chinkle.

No, RD2. I'm afraid passing out bowls of chicken soup won't tide the planet over until spring!

UNCLE JAB'S USED DROID LOT

**Sale**

It's up to us, droids. And, if we're lucky, Hand Solow and his co-pilot Chewie will help us.

And if they won't?

Better make sure RD2's recipe for the soup is ready.

And that's the situation, Solow. Will you help go after Badar? The princess will pay you.

I don't care. Last time I nearly got killed. There's some things I just won't do for money!

I'm prepared to offer you 50,000 gazongas.

And then there's some things I'll only do for a lot of money. Let's go!

INITIALS ON P.S.'S ARE A WASTE... IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE BY BEDTIME... FORGET IT!

Great! Let's get over to the . . . what's that? — RD2, you're not transmitting another message . . . or having a visual gas attack, are you?

Greetings!

Bend Oakie Finoakie! You've returned! But you look kind of pale.

Pale! I've been dead for 9 months . . . and you know what that can do for your tan!

What brings you back anyway?

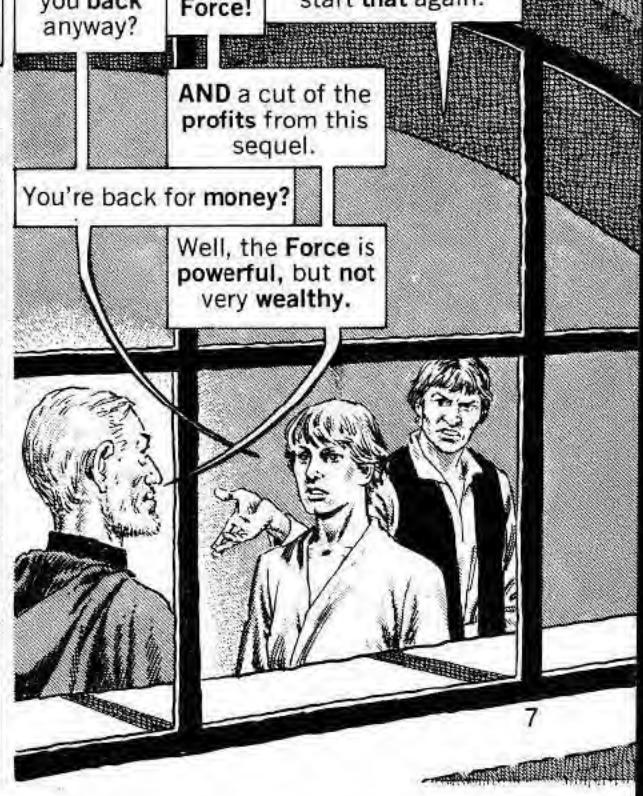
The Force!

We're not gonna start that again.

AND a cut of the profits from this sequel.

You're back for money?

Well, the Force is powerful, but not very wealthy.



CRACKED is asking to have your thermometer recalled because you found traces of mercury in it!

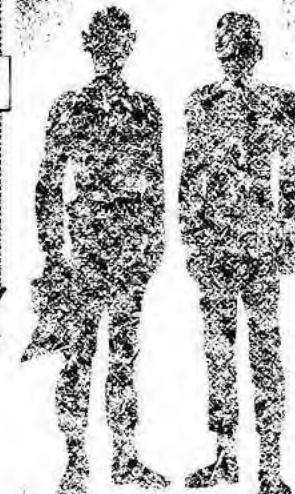


I don't wanna sound pessimistic but —  
**WE'RE DOOMED . . . WE'RE ALL  
GONNA DIE!**

**LUCK! . . . LOOK! . . . LIGHT!**

Bet you can't say that  
fast three times.

**BZZZ**



**DON'T TELL ME... IT'S  
STARSKY AND HUTCH!**

Excuse me.  
Can you tell us  
which way  
Trafalgar  
Square is?

My gosh.  
Who are  
you?

I'm Dr. Spook  
and this is  
**Captain Quirk.**  
We're from the  
Starship  
Enterprise.

**BZZZ**



Hi. I'm Luck  
Skystalker.  
And that's  
Princess  
Leotard . . .

And over  
there  
is . . .

Glad to  
meet  
you.

Luck could you can the  
intros and just ask them  
to turn off the saws!

THANKS TO THE  
DRIP-DRY SUIT MEN  
NOW HAVE EQUAL  
RIGHTS ON THE  
SHOWER CURTAIN ROD

**BZZZ**

Oh, yeah — if  
it's no bother.

Thanks —  
what are you  
doing here  
anyway?

Our mission  
is to go  
where no  
man has  
ever gone  
before.

In other words,  
we're  
intergalactic  
busy bodies.

Oh. Well,  
we've got a  
problem and  
we can sure  
use some  
help.

UNSAID SOMETHING  
YOU WISH YOU HADN'T  
IS LIKE TRYING TO  
UNRING A BELL!

Lord Badar,  
the princess  
is loose!

She fools  
around?

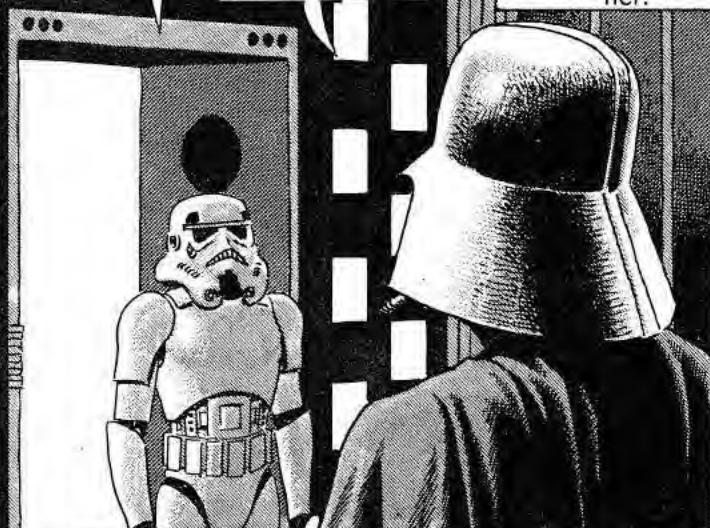
No sir—she's  
escaped!!

Well don't stand there  
telling me — go after  
her!

Where are we?

It appears to be a wool  
forest, Princess. This must  
be where Badar keeps what  
he's dwooled.

CRACKED is joining the Navy to see the world and  
spending your entire tour of duty on a submarine!



Ro-o-oar!

No kidding, Chewie.

What's up?

Chewie thinks he recognizes a relative.

Perhaps if I use one of the Enterprise's lasers, I can make us a tunnel out of here.

Good thinking, Ghost.

That's Spook!

Well, I was close.

OOOWW! Watch where you're pointing that laser you weird-eared vulcan. You got me right in the . . .

BLEEP!

We're out!

Was it hot in there! I don't know how the sheep stand it!

O.K., I got a plan for retrieving our flying sheep. All of us will grab it while Bend distracts Badar by dueling him with his laser flashlight.

Forget that!

But it worked great last movie.

Oh yeah — if you discount the fact that I ended up dematerializing into nothing but a pile of clothes. Forget it — besides, I'm out of batteries.

Then we'll just have to fight them hand to hand.

THE ONLY ADVANTAGE TO BIGGER CARS IS THAT YOU GET MORE FOR YOUR PARKING NICKEL!

CRACK BOP POW SPOOK BEEP SPLAT PONG WHACK POW BEEP SMACK GLOP SPLAT PONG WHACK POW BEEP SMACK GLOP

Now to blow up the space station.

Attention! I want every man after them. We'll eliminate the Princess yet or my name isn't . . .

Dark Badar.

I know my name! I was just pausing for dramatic effect.

STAMP OUT  
ATHLETE'S  
FOOT!

I'm zeroing in on the station now!

WHOMP

We did it! And Dark Badar is dead . . . maybe . . . perhaps . . . I hope?



I wanna thank you Quirk and Ghost.

That's Spook...

Whatever — for coming to our aid.

It was nothing.

You'll get our bill in the morning.

One thing I don't understand though is — Why'd you beam down here?

You see, sir, it was all done on purpose.

And it was the only way we could think of attracting our fans again.

Ever since Star Warz came out, our popularity's been slipping.

STAR TREK LIVES

REMEMBER THE ENTERPRISING

STAR TREK WILL RETURN IN THE SPRING. WATCH FOR US.

TH' END

Two of the hottest items in the stores these days are Tuscan peppers — just one bite and you'll know how hot they really are — and electronic calculators. Bought mainly for mathematical problem solving in the past, these space-age devices are now about to take on a whole new role. So grab your machines and get set to try

# CRACKED'S AMAZING CALCULATOR READOUTS

1) If Mr. Bixby, Mr. Cullin and Mr. Cosby all entered a room at the same time, what would you have a lot of?  $(28,849 \times 2 + 20)$

2) What a woman often does when asked her age.  $(2,145,447 \times 3 - 1,118,996)$

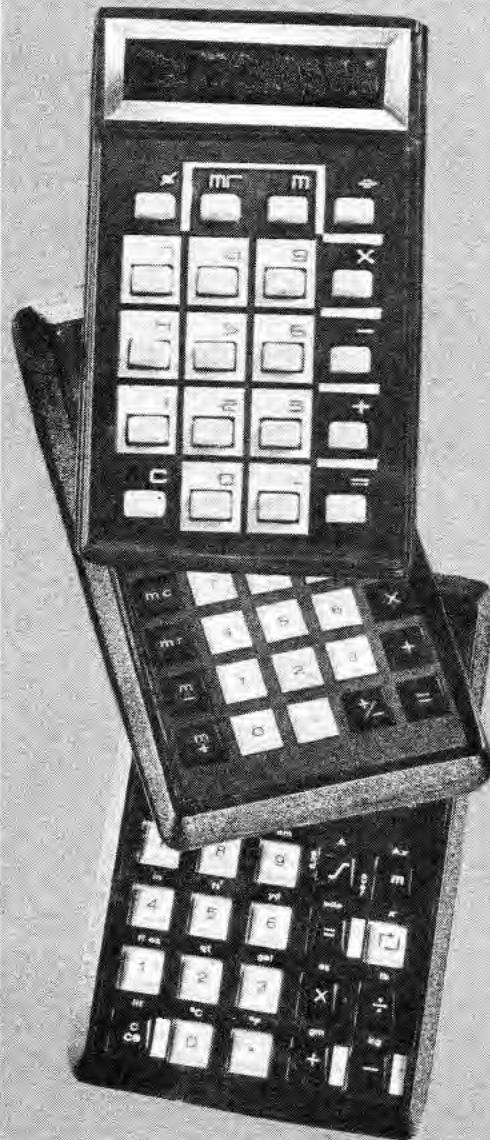
3) A witch usually wears Cover Girl on her nose when she goes out because she's trying to conceal a  $(3498 + 3608 + 2)$

4) Mary wanted something sweet for her birthday, so John gave her a box of \_\_\_\_\_ and told her to wait a week.  $(81 \times 81 - 1223)$

5) What you'd send if you learned King Kong was coming in an hour for breakfast.  $(38 \times 38 + 71 - 1010)$

6) What Tonto always said when people asked him why the Lone Ranger always got to wear the mask.  $(36 \times 36 + 27,541,271 \times 2)$

**TO GET THE ANSWERS  
TO ALL OF THE QUESTIONS  
BELOW, YOU WILL NEED  
THE AID OF A CALCULATOR,  
PLUS YOUR FINGER  
(PREFERABLY WASHED).  
AFTER DOING THE REQUIRED  
MATH, TURN THE  
CALCULATOR UPSIDE DOWN  
TO FIND OUT THE ANSWER.**



7) What a person says when Richard Nixon reiterates, "But really, I am NOT a crook!"  $(1,61616 \div 4)$

8) What Texans think Mt. Everest is.  $(34 \times 34 \times 7 - 378)$

9) To whom 30% of your pay check goes to every month.  $(35,445,672 \times 2 + 186,001)$

10) How the British pronounce what's on the bottom of a shoe OR what Bruce the great white's favorite appetizer is before having filet of human.  $(12 \times 12 \times 2 + 445)$

11) What a husband does when he gets his wife's credit card bills.  $(1,161,068 \div 2)$

12) What you will become if you read CRACKED for 8 hours straight.  $(1434 - 663)$

CRACKED, besides being a humorous magazine is also a very cultured one, (which, just by our saying that proves how humorous we are.) However, before you scoff and chortle, we're about to prove that we are what we say as for the first time we present

# THE CRACKED HISTORY OF ART



When did man first start to paint? Why did he sculpt? Where did he start?  
Why are we asking so many questions?

CRACKED is bowing three strikes in a row and thinking  
you're out!

The earliest known drawings we have date back to 15,000 B.C. How did they get there? One theory suggests



After Egypt fell, the Greeks emerged—also building beautiful temples and palaces with hand-sculpted figures.



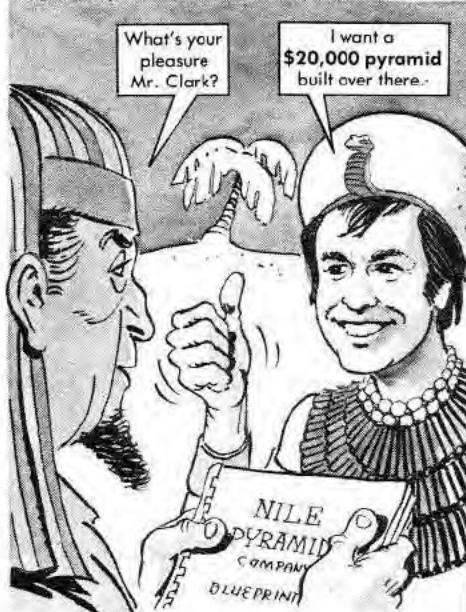
It is said that early primitive sculptures were made to ward off evil spirits, but we learned what these sculptures really were and why they were so ugly.



Today, these temples can still be seen.



The first "named" period of art was Egyptian where architects would take orders to build huge temples, sphinxes and pyramids.

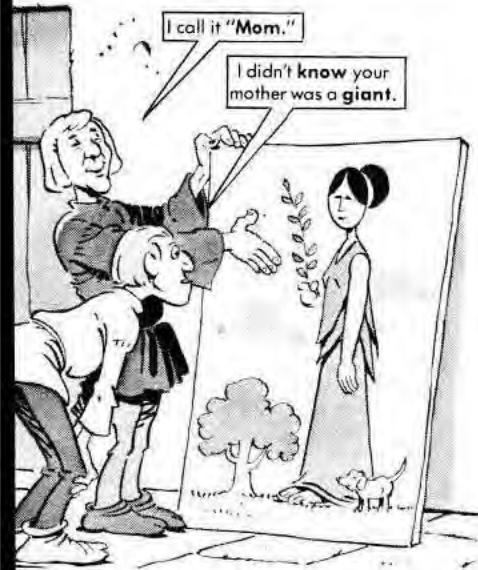


Similar to Greece, was the splendor of Rome. Many fragments of statues have been found and reconstructed . . .



Time passed, and while sculpture continued to dominate in the Middle Ages, painting was attempted—although perspective was not understood.

And there was another problem. Since there was no such thing as a standardized brush, artists had to use whatever was available to spread their paints.



And then a revolution—the Renaissance. Artists began experimenting with perspective, and trying to capture all the colors they saw.



**And slowly, the great masters emerged.  
In Italy, Michelangelo was commissioned to  
paint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel . . .**

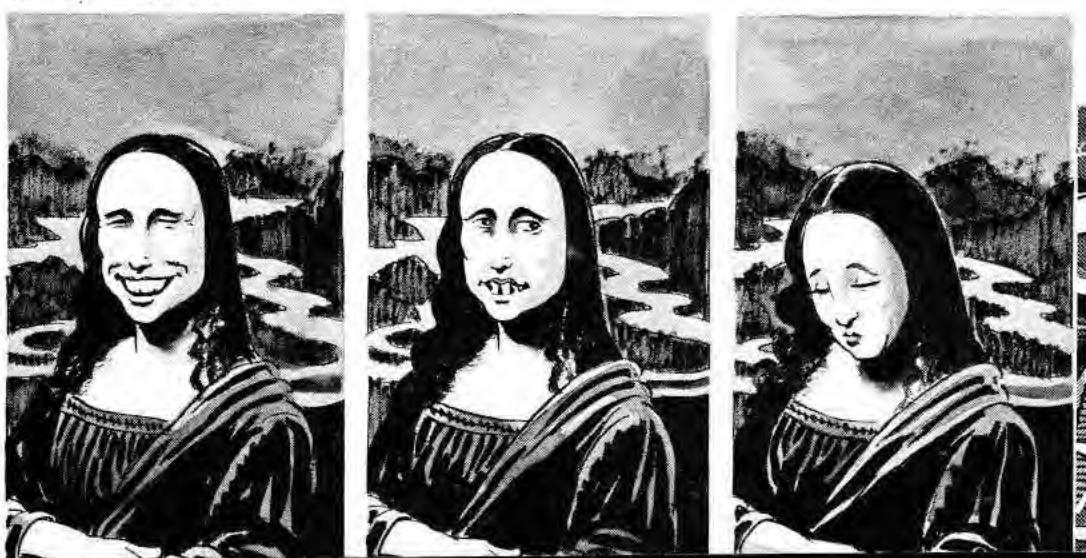
. . . as well as to design many outstanding buildings and churches.



Also, in this creative period, was Leonardo da Vinci who originally started out as a cartoonist.



A failure at this, Leonardo turned to painting where he finally rendered such hits as "The Last Supper," "Adoration of the Magi," and (his biggest) the "Mona Lisa." One interesting note—the "Mona Lisa" hanging in the Louvre was only one of three others he had attempted before getting the right look.



For centuries, millions have wondered what caused Mona Lisa to smile. The official answer?



The Renaissance continued into the 1600's with probably its most famous artist being Rembrandt.

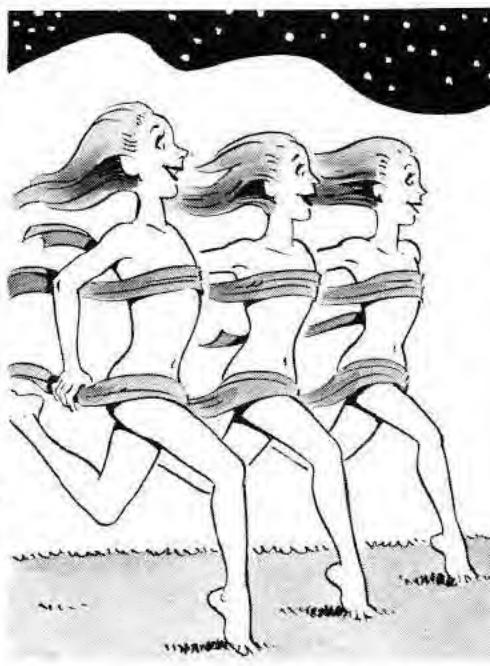


As the Renaissance came to a close, painters were now able to capture a person's likeness as closely as a camera does today.

All right, if you'll just smile, say cheese and hold that position—I'll have your picture ready for you in 4 days.



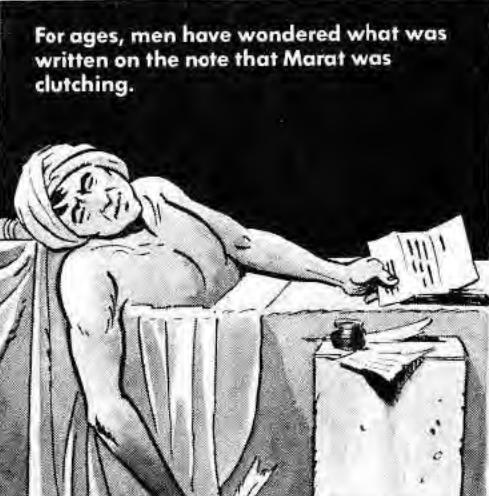
Finally, with the Renaissance, artists were progressing and, instead of painting people who were flat . . .



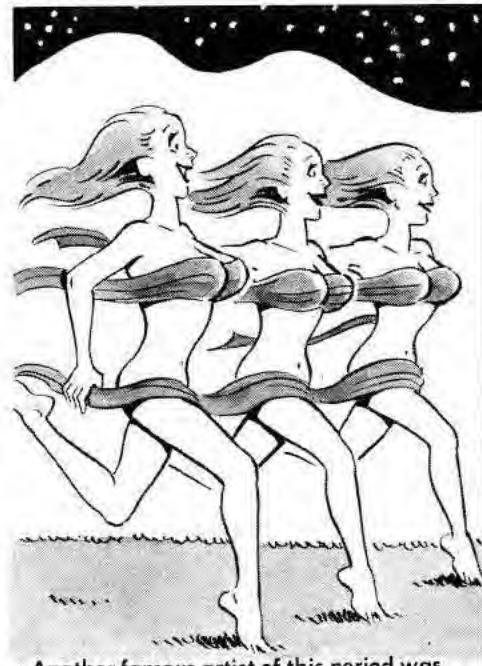
So, to make money from his art he took a job in a cigar company.



Enter the Romanticism period and with it, one of the era's greatest artists—Jacques Louis David whose most famous painting was "THE DEATH OF MARAT."



the people being drawn now had perspective and fullness.



Another famous artist of this period was Gainsborough who used his son as a model for his most famous work, "The Blue Boy."



CRACKED has successfully blown-up this portion of the painting to discover the answer.



DEAR MR. MAKE YOUR THIS FOR \$287.95 ELECTRIC MONTH 15 CORDIALLY THE PARISIAN GASEO ECTRI

**But soon Romanticism passed and turned into Impressionism where painters started to avoid realism (now that photography had been discovered) and began playing with time, perspective and color.**



The result was Rodin's "THE THINKER" (seen here for the first time with the little known follow-up "THUNKED OUT!"



**And they searched for new models.**



**One of the greats of the period was Vincent Van Gogh who many said was not only a good painter, but a great practical joker as well.**



**Impressionism then turned into —**  
**Post - Impressionism which gave way to**  
**the yet untitled 20th century. Here we**  
**had Picasso working with Cubism.**



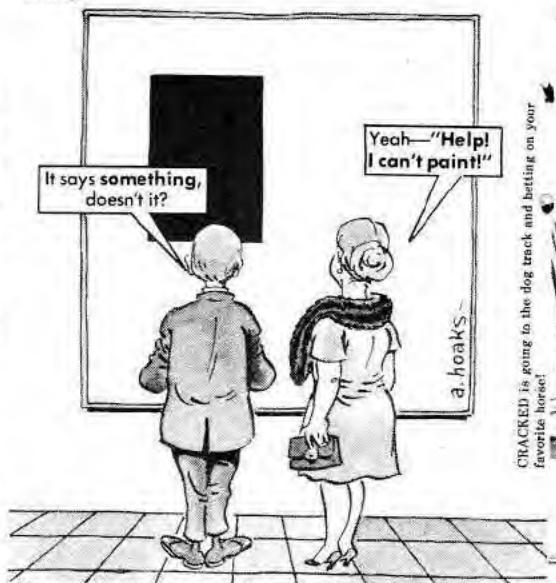
**And sculptors got away from just chiseling out somebody's head.**



**Along with painting, sculpture was now taking new turns as creators started using tools besides hammers and chisels to work with.**



**Now, artists began doing totally unreal things.**



Yes, art is some 17,000 years old and if you put the new next to the ancient, it's clear to see how much man has grown.



Not all super heroes are fighting crimes. Some are undertaking such super human tasks as trying to unravel the red tape in Washington and the Pentagon. It is for such sedentary stalwarts that a special handbook was designed . . .

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POWERS

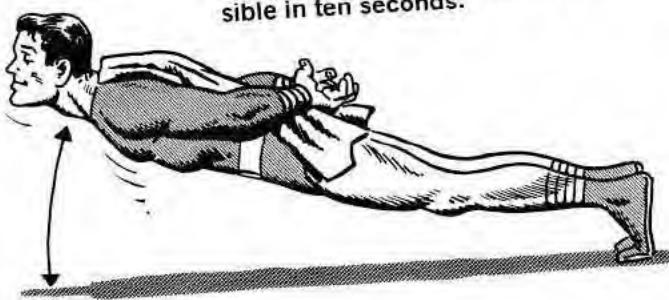
# EXERCISE MANUAL AND HOT DOG STUNTS FOR SUPER HEROES

## PUSH-UPS

1. Start with chest on floor and hands behind back.

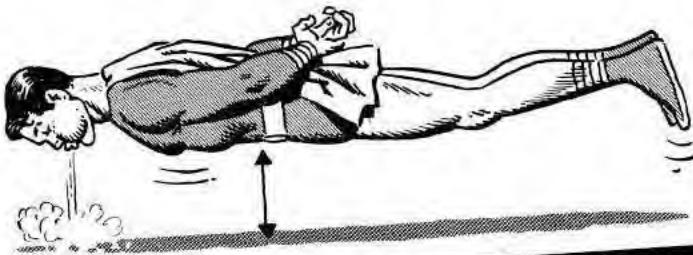


2. Tensing the toe muscles lift body to 30° angle. Repeat as often as possible in ten seconds.

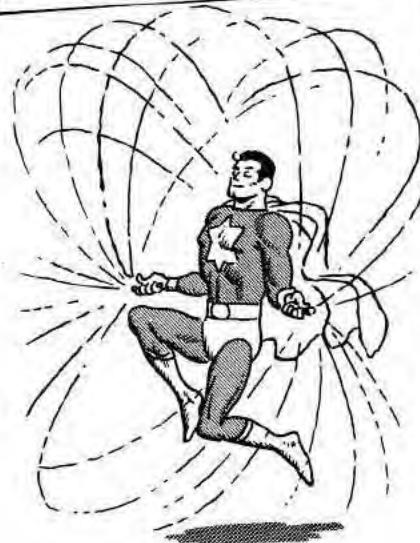


## PUSH-UP VARIATION

Starting from floor position raise entire body by emitting steady stream of air from mouth



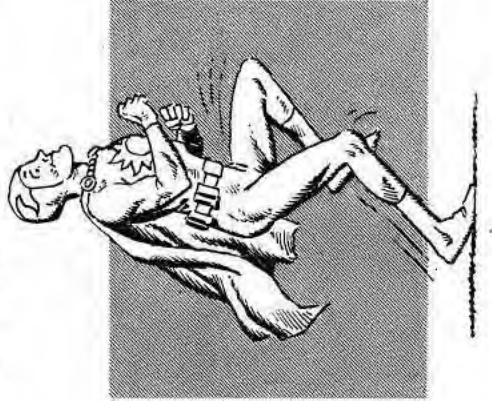
WARNING: SUPER HEROES ARE CAUTIONED AGAINST JUMPING ROPE. MORE THAN 5,000 REVOLUTIONS PER SECOND WILL CAUSE MOST ROPES TO IGNITE FROM RESULTING AIR FRICTION.



DON'T LET A DESK JOB PREVENT YOU FROM KEEPING YOUR SUPER MUSCLES IN TOP PHYSICAL FORM

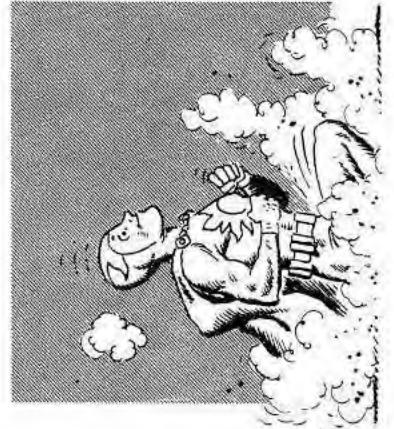
## THE WARM-UP

### 1. Briskly run in place.



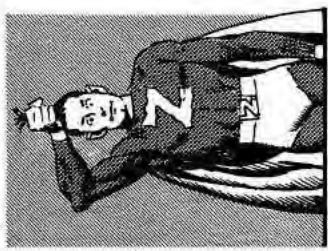
## IT IS IMPORTANT TO WARM UP GRADUALLY BEFORE WORKING OUT HARD

### 2. As soon as you have burrowed yourself into a chest-high hole, you may consider yourself sufficiently warmed up.

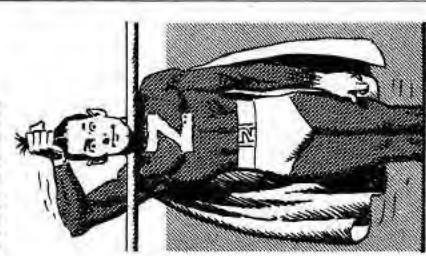


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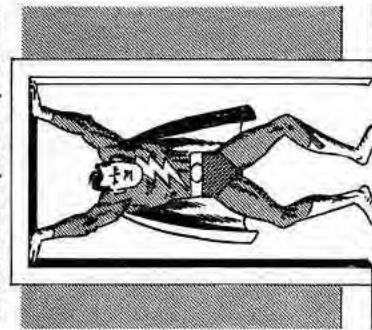
### 1. Grab self firmly by the hair.



### 2. Pull yourself upwards until chin rests on bar.



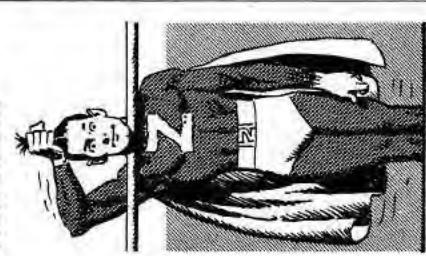
Stand in doorway, place both hands against frame of door and push upwards.



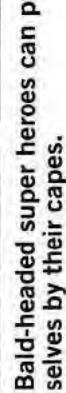
... if house does not collapse within 60 seconds see a doctor — you may be suffering from a green-krypton disease.

## ISOMETRICS

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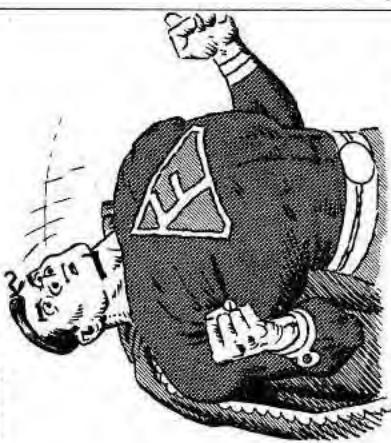


Bald-headed super heroes can pull themselves by their capes.



## BREATHING EXERCISE

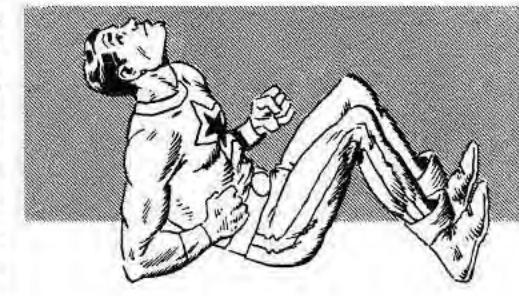
### Take deep breath and exhale slowly.



Care should be taken to see that there are no trees within 300 yds. as they have a tendency to become easily uprooted during this exercise.

## JUMPING-UP EXERCISE

### 1. Position yourself for a leap upward. Jump as high as you can.

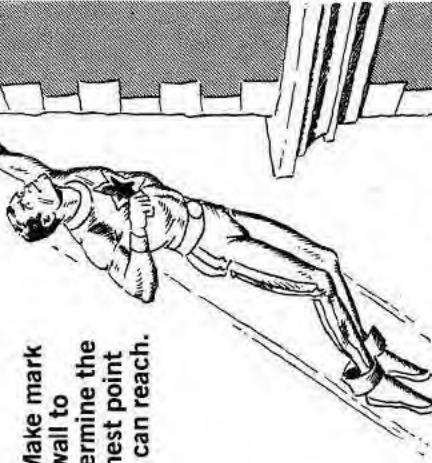


... while jogging on highways and freeways, be careful not to exceed the 55 mph speed limit.

Jogging is a simple way to develop strength and endurance.

## JOGGING

2. Make mark on wall to determine the highest point you can reach.



Above exercise may not be worthwhile in cities where building codes limit structures to 40 stories.

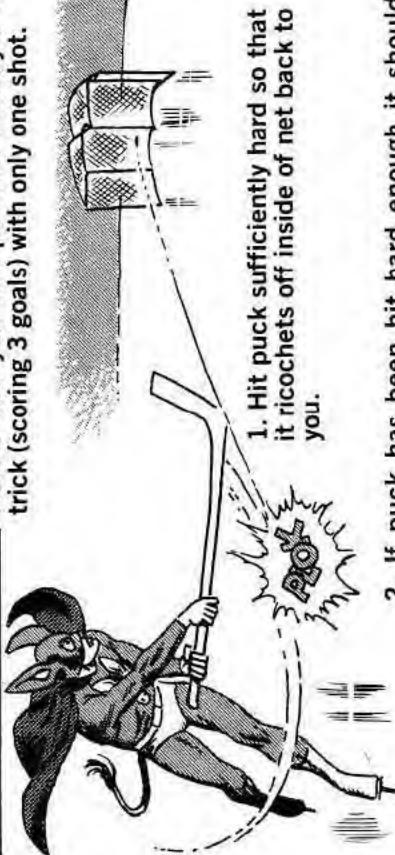
## **SWIMMING**

Super heroes should try to swim at least five laps (the 800 mile stretch around Lapland constitutes one lap) a day



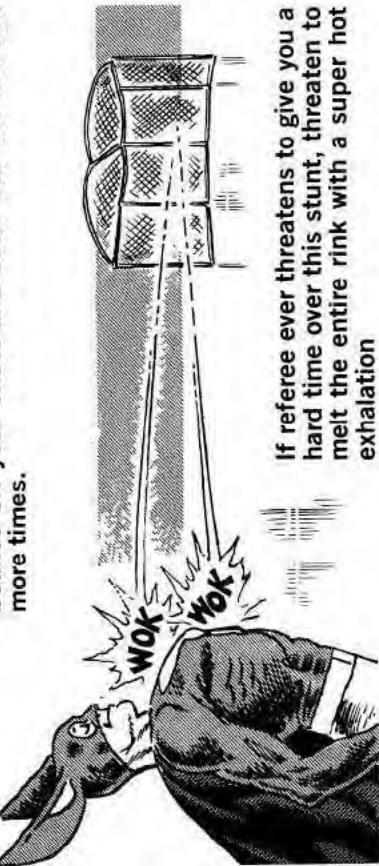
## **HOCKEY HAT TRICK**

Here's how you can perform Hockey's hat trick (scoring 3 goals) with only one shot.



1. Hit puck sufficiently hard so that it ricochets off inside of net back to you.

2. If puck has been hit hard enough it should bounce off your chest and back into the net two more times.



## **DOUBLE DUNK (Known as the Dr. "S," stuff shot)**

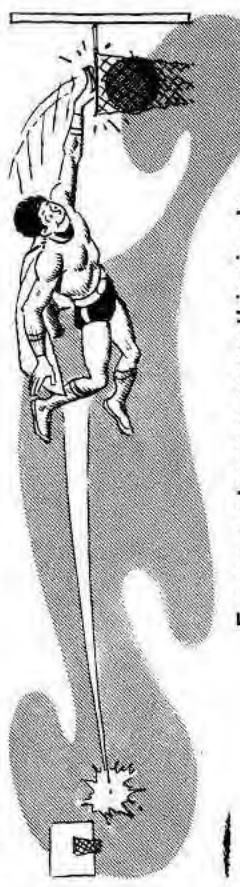
1. Dunk ball in the usual manner.



2. Catch ball as it comes out of net.



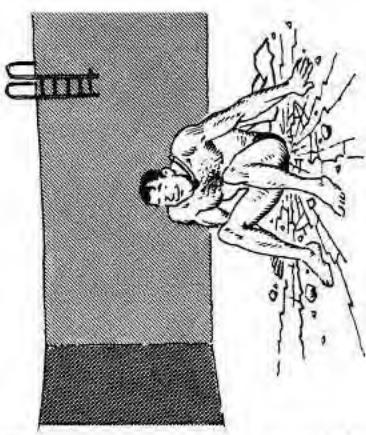
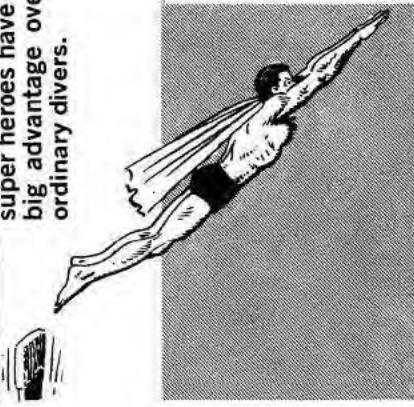
3. Proceed to dunk ball in opposite goal before you or ball touch the ground.



For some strange reason this simple exercise never fails to amaze onlookers!

## **DIVING**

With their natural grace and agility super heroes have a big advantage over ordinary divers.

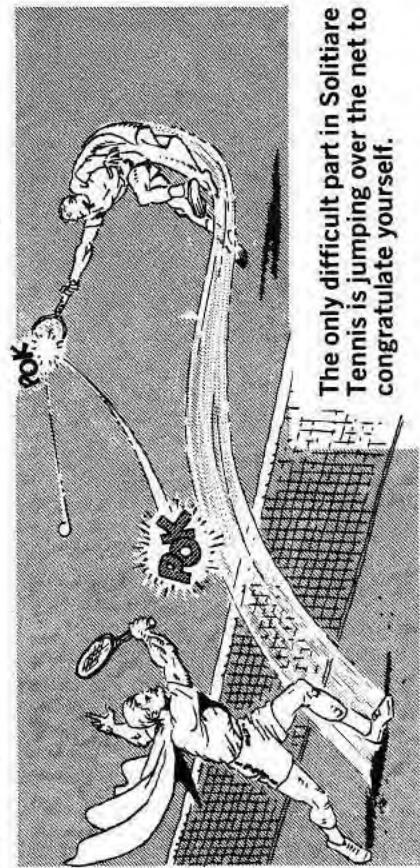


If referee ever threatens to give you a hard time over this stunt, threaten to melt the entire rink with a super hot exhalation

**SOLITAIRE TENNIS**

Playing against yourself is a wonderful conditioning exercise

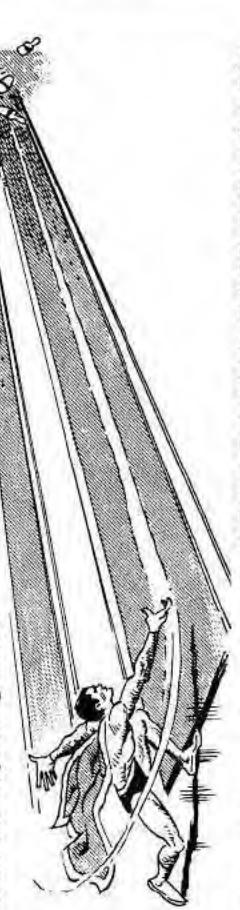
1. Hit ball as hard as you can.
2. Race to the opposite court and return your shot.



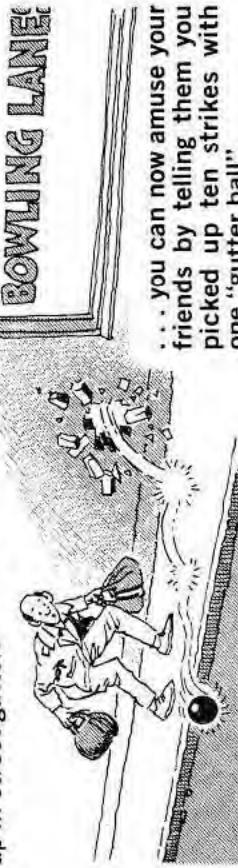
The only difficult part in Solitaire Tennis is jumping over the net to congratulate yourself.

**BOWLING THE SUPER HOOK**

1. Hooking the ball sharply you can cause it to pick up strikes in all the adjoining lanes.



2. As ball goes through wall of bowling establishment it winds up in street gutter.

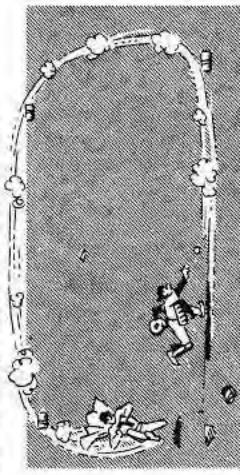


...you can now amuse your friends by telling them you picked up ten strikes with one "gutter ball".

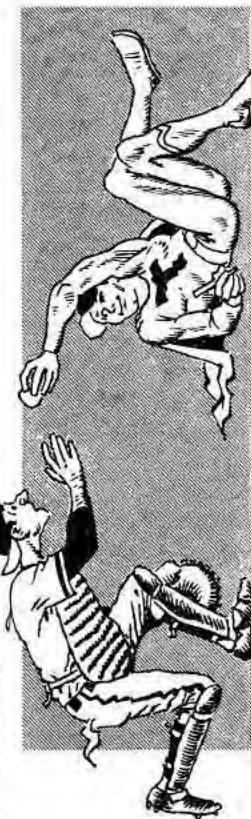
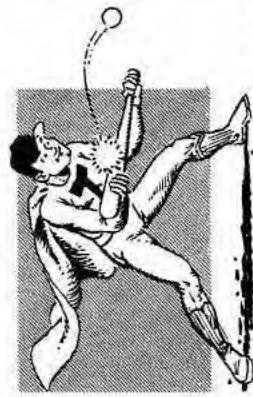
**TH'END**

**THE HOME RUN BUNT**

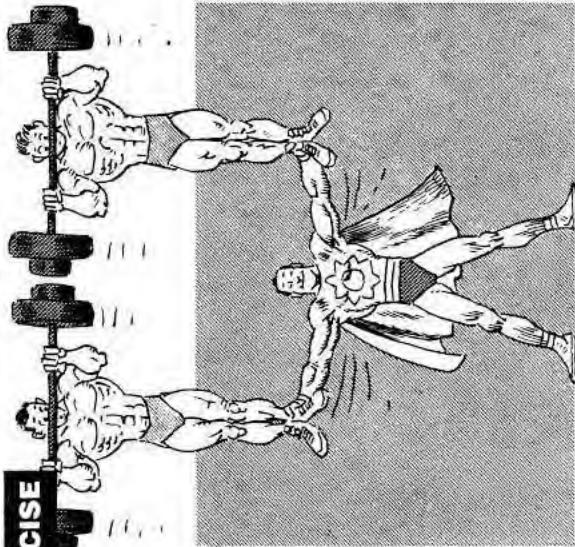
1. Gently lay down bunt.
2. Quickly circle all the bases.



3. Autograph ball and hand it to catcher as he still attempts to field the bunt.

**WEIGHTLIFTER EXERCISE**

Firmly grasp two champion weightlifters by the ankles and move up and down in steady fashion.



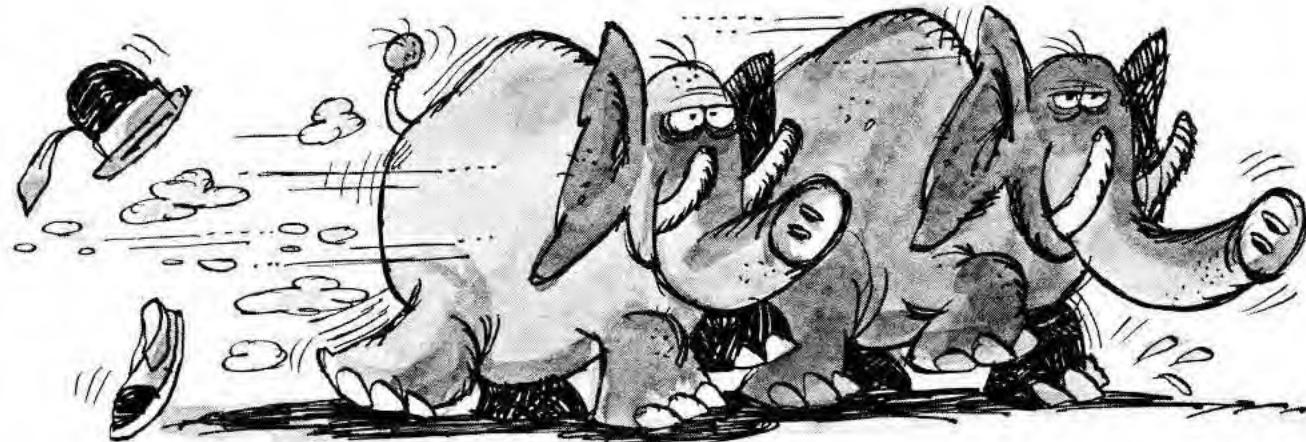
If weightlifters complain and suggest you get dumbbells for the exercise you can reply jokingly, "But I am using dumbbells!"

# A GLOOMY INDIAN STORY

by  
CEKAR BLOTTA  
"SHANE"



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EATING A MILE  
AWAY FROM  
HERE!



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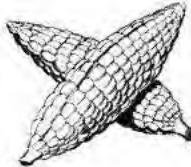
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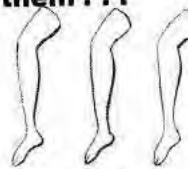


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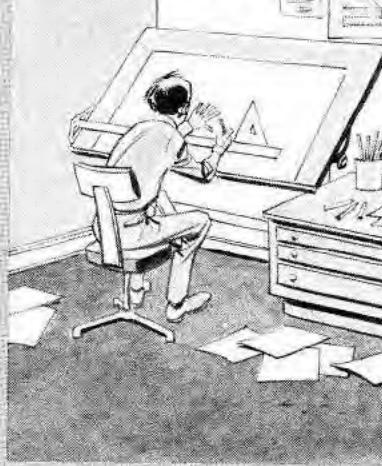
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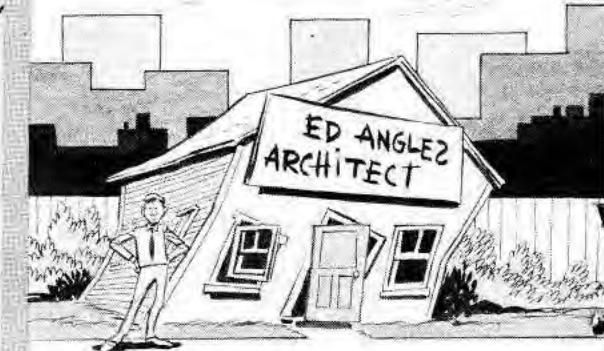
I want a beautiful home made to my specifications, but I don't want to pay a fortune doing it.



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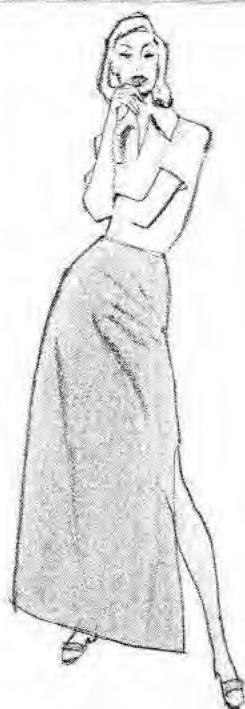
And, to the first 20 patients getting both plates, receive a free pair of matching cups!

**X-RAYS** — \$3 each — and if you have 7 taken, receive a free x-ray of Farrah Fawcett-Majors' molar!!

**Don't delay!**  
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It was him! The third one from the left. He was the one who killed my azalea bushes.

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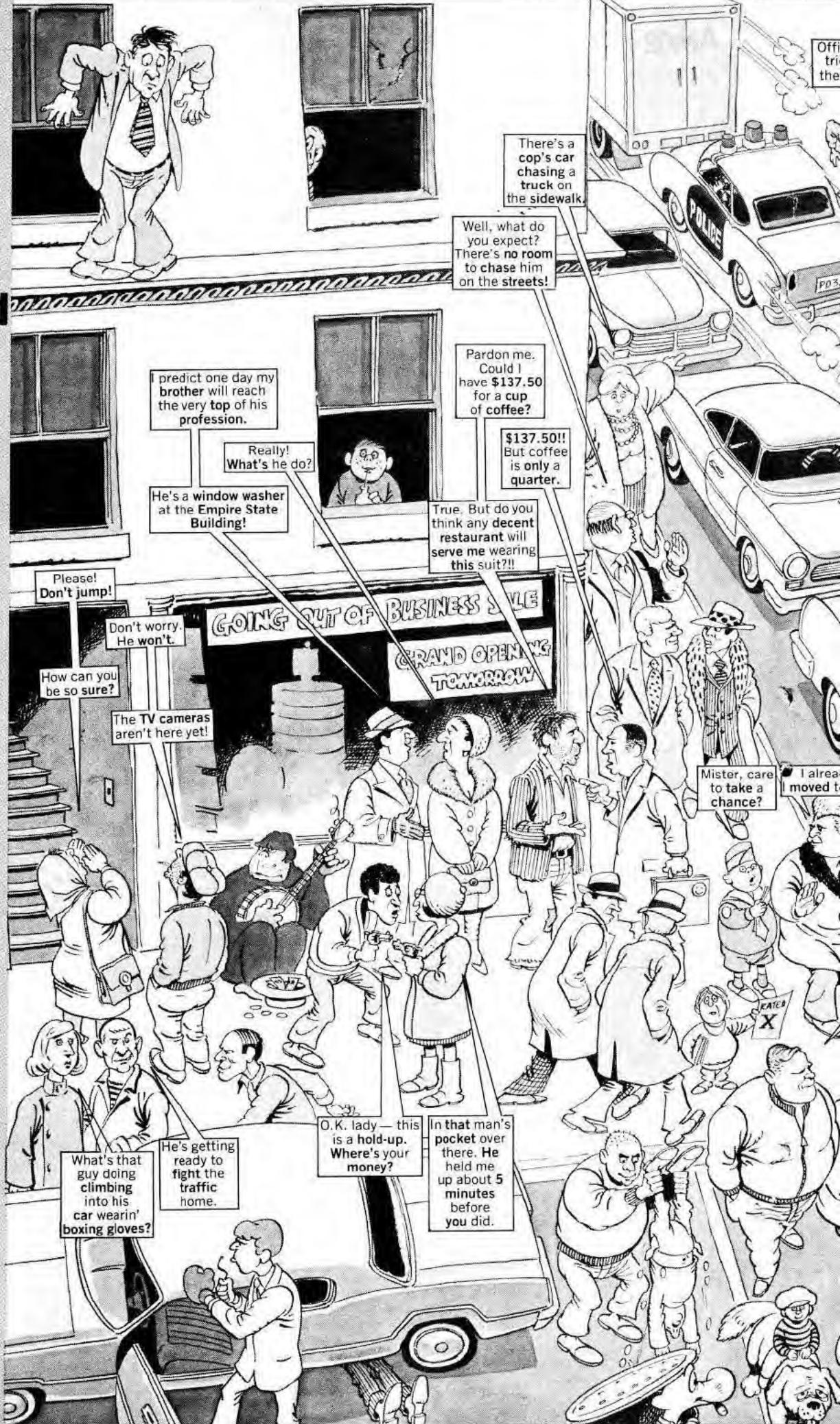
**What's small  
in size and yet  
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There's a new fad in magazines of late known as "The People Syndrome." Suddenly, book after book is coming out carrying out such titles as "Celebrity," "Us," "People," etc. all geared towards nothing more than gossip. In the beginning, the contents of these slicks was somewhat interesting, but now, as the field thickens, the excuses for using the very familiar faces rests solely on exposing trivial aspects of their lives. Now, the meaning of the word 'celebrity' has been stretched to include anyone. To see what we mean, why not examine the first issue of yet another one of these people pushers known as

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# CHATTERBOX

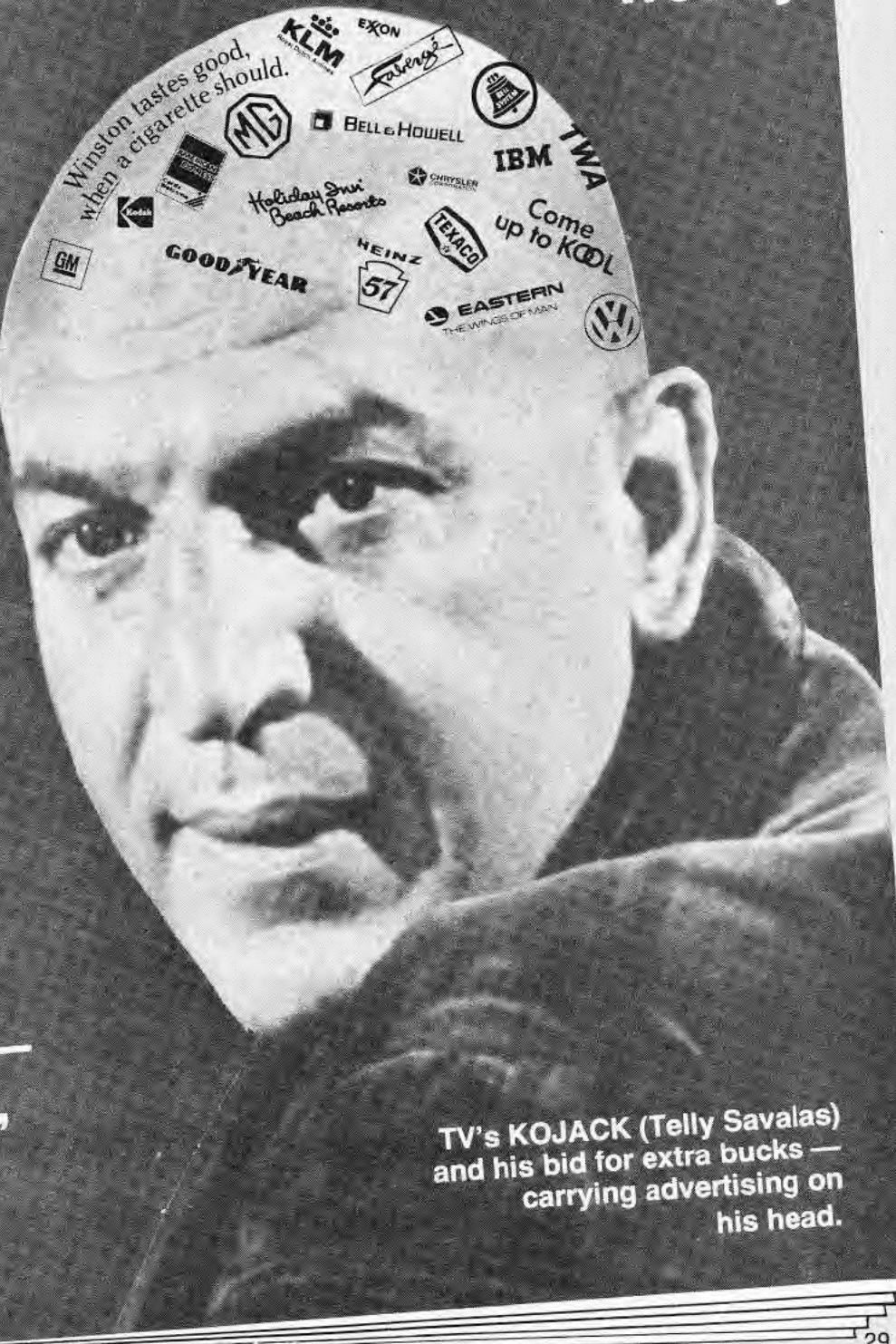
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**Exclusive!**  
**Robert "Baa Baa"**  
**Conrad shows his**  
**unique method for**  
**tying his**  
**shoe laces.**

**Fonzie**  
**reveals for**  
**the first time**  
**how he zips**  
**his jacket!**

**Jackie O.**  
**tells all**  
**on what's**  
**in her freezer!**

**Richard Burton —**  
**a new girlfriend,**  
**a hit movie and**  
**now a wart**  
**on his elbow!**



TV's KOJACK (Telly Savalas)  
and his bid for extra bucks —  
carrying advertising on  
his head.

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**Annette Funicello's beauty treatment that backfired.** p. 14



**Pugsley of "The Adam's Family" fame and his current job as an acne salesman** p. 17

# CHATTERBOX

Weekly

Dear Editor,

I realize there are just so many famous people in the world, but having a cover story on Don Knotts for the fifth week in a row . . . really!

Dear Editor,

Your look at the seven dwarfs and what they're up to today was fascinating. I could have guessed that Sleepy would one day become an insomniac and that Doc would be sued for malpractice, but to learn that Dopey has just become a speech professor at Harvard . . . !

Dear Editor,

Just had to write and tell you that I loved the piece on how Burt Reynolds trains his chest hairs.

Dear Editor,

A look at famous people's garbage was most welcome at our house. It was interesting to learn that Liz Taylor throws out almost the same things as we do on Monday.

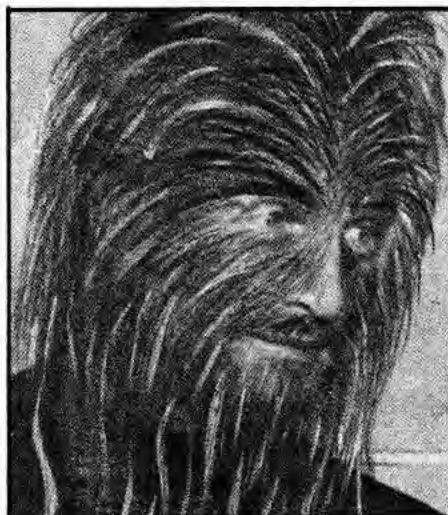
Dear Editor,

Thanks to CHATTERBOX, I now know where to find Peter Reicheck's great invention — the linguini lengthener. No longer will my house have to put up with the agonies of short spaghetti!

Dear Editor,

Rick Pitts is a man to be admired. What courage it must have taken to live 7 weeks straight in that trash can. Thank you for this inspiring article.

## CHATTERBOX NEXT WEEK



**CHEWIE** — the Wookie from Star Warz — talks about his torrid romance with Raquel Welch's shag rug.

**Roger Featherwart** — remember him as one of the extras from "Ben Hur?" Next week an exclusive interview with this magnetic star.



**Paul Newman's secret for long life** — "keep breathing regularly."

# CHATTERBOX

EXCLUSIVE

## THE OTHER MAN IN FARRAH's LIFE (Who hubby Lee Majors knows nothing about!)

**CHATTERBOX** has learned that once every four days, Farrah Fawcett-Majors sneaks away from her multi-million dollar estate to visit another man — a stranger husband Lee Majors knows nothing about.

Racing down cluttered highways to see him, along concrete streets, the ex-star of Charlie's Angels finally arrives at her little hideaway known as "Tomato Village."

Once there, she steps out of her car — using her left foot first, following it with her right foot — and walks in the door, making sure to open it ever so gently, thereby avoiding injury to her tennis arm.

Inside she yells out, "Angelo!" and a big, burly, 6' 8" Italian man comes bounding out to greet her.

Their eyes meet. She looks at him; he looks at her. They look at each other. There is music in the air coming from a little radio nestled among the radishes.

And then, as if on cue, Angelo looks up, wiping the tomato seeds from his hands and asks, "What'll it be today, Mrs. Majors?"

Without even pausing to think, the blue-eyed beauty looks up knowing exactly what she desires. "A zucchini," says Farrah, using her voice.

"Coming right up."

Farrah then inspects the zucchini holding it first in her right hand and then passing it to her left — a pass that must have taken months to perfect. A pass of grace — of elegance — of style!

"I'll take it!" she says throwing back her world-famous hair that grows from her scalp down, traveling along the sides and back of her head.

She pays with a dollar bill, folded in thirds, Washington's face down and receives 4¢ change. For the first time, their hands touch.

The 91-year-old Angelo thanks her. As she smiles, she turns for the door, this time starting with her right foot — knowing that she'll return again — perhaps next time for a cucumber . . . or a tomato . . . or even a passion fruit!



And sometime tonight, after a hard day's shooting of THE SIX MILLION DOLLAR MAN, Lee Majors will return home. He'll eat his salad, sip his wine and then bite into that zucchini — never knowing WHO the vegetable man was who sold it to Farrah!!

# CHATTERBOX

## INTERVIEW

MRS. CARTER AND AMY WITH SLEEPING PRESIDENT IN DARKENED ROOM.

*Chatterbox: Excuse me, Mrs. Carter, may we have a word with you?*

*Mrs. Carter: It's 4 o'clock in the morning! What are you doing coming in through my window?*



WHITEHOUSE GUARDS ASK CHATTERBOX PHOTOGRAPHER TO LEAVE.

*Chatterbox: Well, we rang the front bell, but nobody answered.*

*Mrs. Carter: Jimmy! Jimmy! Get up! There's somebody crawling through our window!*

*Chatterbox: If you could just comment to us exclusively on your likes and dislikes.*

*Mrs. Carter: Well, one thing for sure — I don't like people crawling through my window at 4 am.*

*Amy: What's all the noise in here, Mama?*

*Mrs. Carter: Nothing, Amy. Go back to your treehouse. It's just some . . . who's that?*

*Chatterbox: Our photographer. If we could just get one of you and Amy sitting next to the sleeping President.*

*Mrs. Carter: If you don't get out of here, I'm going to call someone.*

*Chatterbox: Excuse me, Mrs. C.—are those metallic curlers you're wearing?—They might give off a glare . . . I'm shooting with a flash.*

*Mrs. Carter: Get out of here! Both of you!*

*Chatterbox: O.K., O.K. Only please . . . stop throwing empty peanut shells at us.*

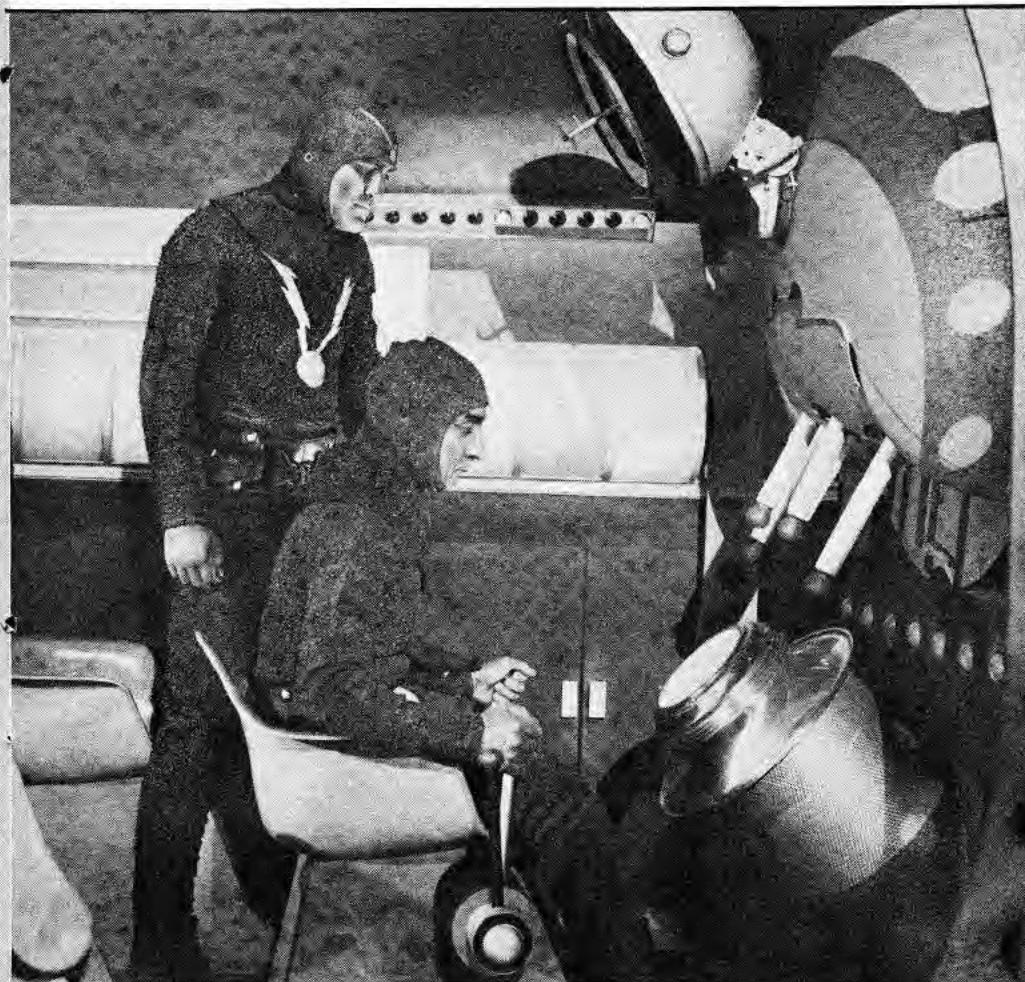
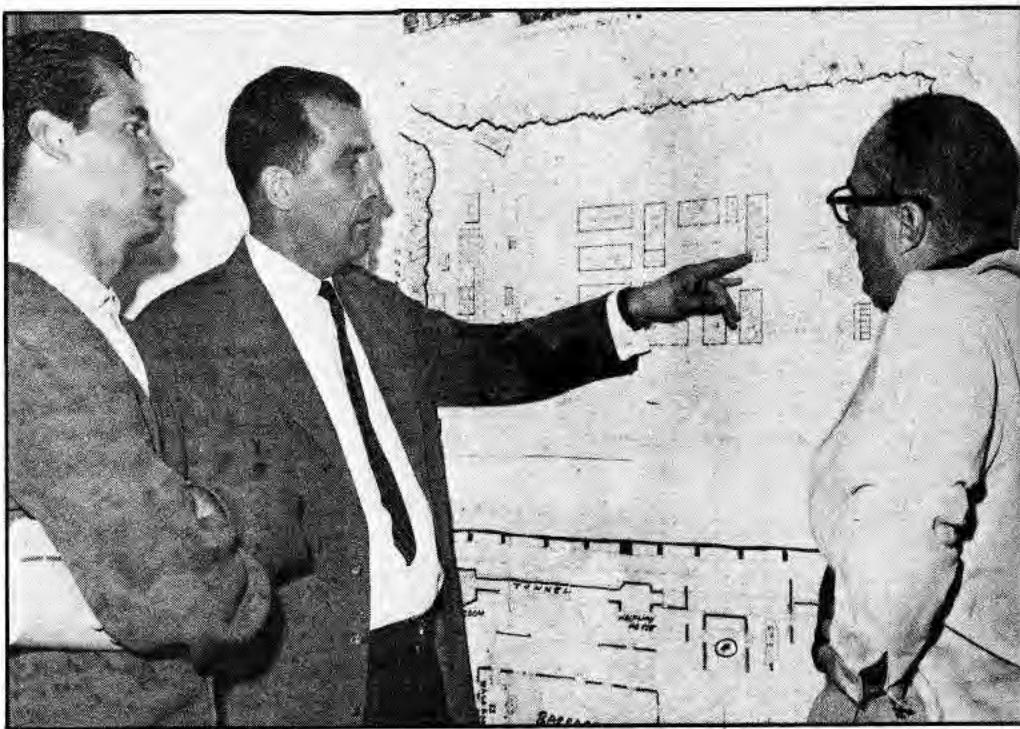
*Mr. Carter: Snooore.*

**IN KEEPING WITH THE PRESIDENT'S OPEN COMMUNICATIONS POLICY,  
AFTER QUESTIONING MRS. CARTER, WHITE HOUSE AID IS PERMITTED  
TO QUESTION OUR WRITER.**

# SHORT TAKES

## JIMMY AND CHIP

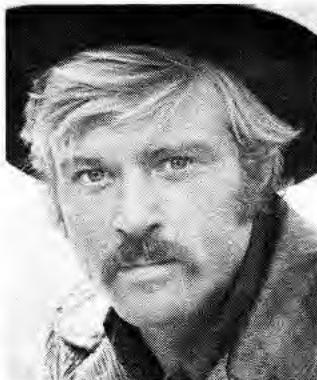
Convinced that his smash show "The Rockford Files" should be around for a while, actor James Garner, has decided to spend some of his savings on a new home for his turtle "Chip." The 17-room domicile (being designed by architect Klaus Haus shown here with blue prints) will have a 180' wading pool, three bedrooms, a fly-storage shed and a 20' gravel pit. "Chip should be mighty happy," Mr. Garner said. "My gravel pit is only about half that size!"



## BIG NEW MOVIE

You may not know them now, but Heimy Blake, Glen Fistwhile and Peter Cornfritter hope you will by next March. Awed by the hit movie "Star Warz", the three unknowns are shooting a uniquely original science fiction flick of their own in Heimy's garage entitled "Star Jawz" ... the story of a 35' space shark that kidnaps a princess. With a budget of \$1.89, the film will have such thrilling effects as a whole scene shot through a piece of cellophane and two plastic space ships being melted by a Cricket lighter.

# GOSSIP



**ROBERT REDFORD:**  
STAMP SAVER

**Scratching For Comeback** It is rumored that Lassie is trying to make a comeback if she can find a suitable script. The two-time Emmy-winning star, feeling that she's been typecast in the past, would now like to play either a ballerina or a monkey.

**Saving The Green** Actor Robert Redford, happy with the progress his environmental crusades have been taking, has a new cause — saving S & H Green Stamps. "Each year," Mr. Redford claims, "thousands of stamps take a terrible licking."

**Clap Hands Clap Hands** Mark Murphy a 7-year old unknown, broke the world's record for hand clapping last week — 6 days, 7 minutes. Throughout the event his mother fed him milk shakes and liquified pizza through a straw. His next ambition? To go on all the rides at Disney world while inside an Armadillo.

**Unexpected Switch** Barbara Walters had an apple instead of a banana for dessert Tuesday afternoon. Commented co-anchorman Harry Reasoner, "That's Barbara for you — totally unpredictable!"

**Magnetic Attraction** New duo in town. Kate Jackson of "Charlie's Angels" is said to be seeing Hollywood's latest superstar on a regular basis, C3PO of "Star Warz" fame.



**ROBERT BLAKE:**  
HITTING HARD AT  
VIOLENCE



**JIMMY WALKER:**  
ON THE RECORD



**CHER:**  
AND SHARE ALIKE

Said Kate, "I love him because he's kind and because it's always like having a mirror around. If I'm unsure of my hair, I just have to look into his chest or his knee-cap to know that I'm fine."

**At The Post** Amy Carter, happy about her new job as an editor for the summer at "The Washington Post" was asked how she felt beating out 200 middle-aged men. Answered the 10-year-old, "I guess I was just the most qualified for the position."

**A Little Punchy** When asked what he thought about violence, Robert Blake turned, punched our CHATTERBOX reporter in the mouth and said, "I think it should only be used when absolutely necessary." He then smiled and kicked a passing pigeon in the teeth.

**Model Citizen** Now that Cher's TV show has been cancelled, the former Mrs. Bono/Mrs. Allman has revealed what her next job will be — a model for a new line of toothpicks.

**At Rest** Elton John did absolutely nothing of any news importance last week and we felt you wanted to know.

**Chatterbox Exclusive** Jimmy Walker bought a copy of Peter Frampton's new album for only \$4.39. After listening to the first side, the star of the hit TV sitcom GOOD TIMES was reportedly heard to say, "Now I think I'll listen to side 2."

Has this ever happened to you?



Da . . . let me have that orange, punk!



Care to dance?



Or girls, this to you?

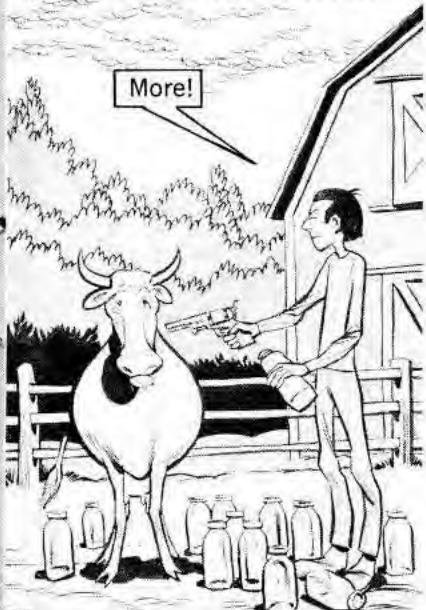


Well, if it has, or if you just want to tone up those sagging biceps and triceps, then it's time for you to read

# THE CRACKED GUIDE TO MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT

I. DIET: Before we explore the various exercises you can try, we should mention that in any body development program, what you eat is of extreme importance. So, from the outset you should begin to

DRINK LOTS OF MILK



EAT PLENTY OF IRON



NIBBLE ON HIGH ENERGY SNACKS



AND GOBBLE DOWN LOTS OF RARE MEAT



\* IS THIS SOME SORT OF CHICKEN JOKE?

## II. PRELUDE:

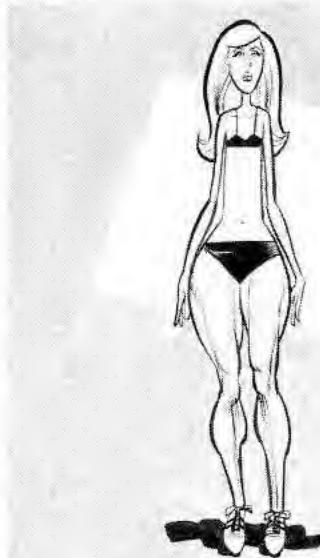
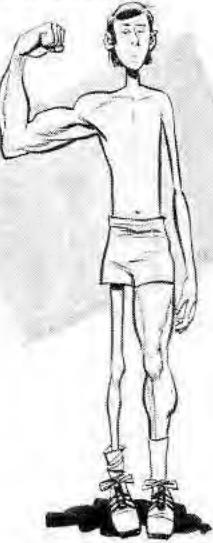
Before exercising, one should always warm up ...



... remembering to build those muscles up evenly.

Otherwise, you could end up looking like this ...

or this.



## III. BEGINNING: All right. You've got your diet and the preliminaries down, now it's time to get under way.

Begin by selecting an exact time for your daily workout ...

... starting the whole program off simply ...

... slowly working up to more elaborate exercises.



When planning this whole program out, try incorporating your daily exercises into everyday activities whenever possible. For example:

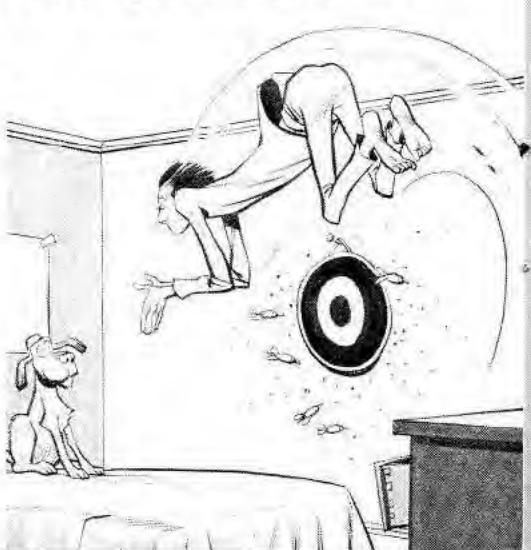
If you're going to close a shade, do it this way!



In going from office to office at your business, why walk when you can ...



And don't just climb into bed ...



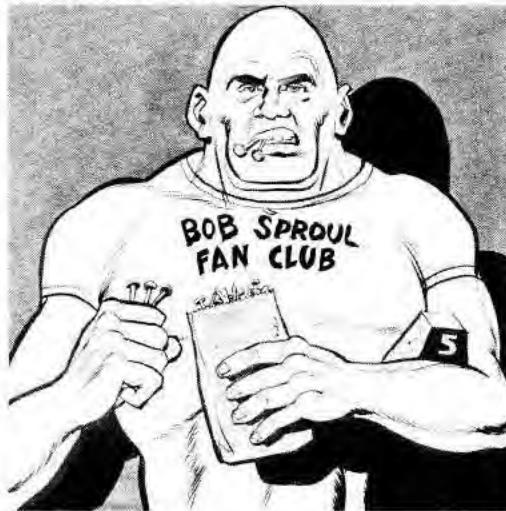
#### IV. WEIGHT-LIFTING: A very good way to build up those muscles is by lifting weights.

How much weight should you start with? Good question!  
And the answer depends on you.

For example, five pounds can be extremely heavy for openers if you look like this.

Whereas, if you look like this, five pounds is nothing.

Another thing to take into consideration is which muscles you want to develop. The answer will tell you where to use the weights.



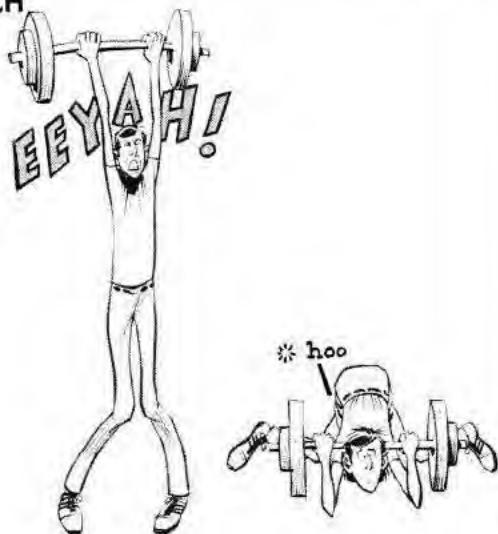
Begin your program by pressing a small amount.

I'll do 6 shirts today and work up to pants and pillow cases tomorrow.

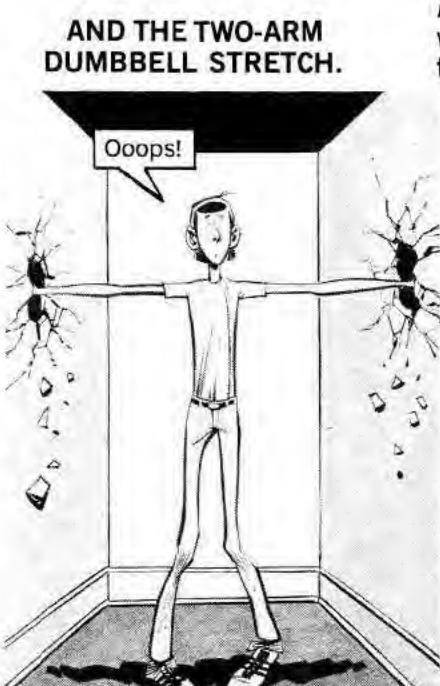
IF YOU IRON A FOUR LEAF CLOVER YOU'RE PRESSING YOUR LUCK.

Working up to the

TWO-ARM SNATCH



...THE ONE-ARM SNATCH...

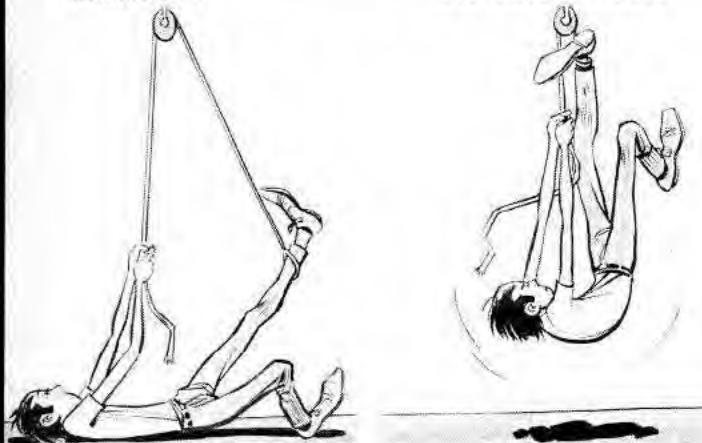


And for total development, more advanced people can attach weights to their body while performing every day chores.



V. LEG RAISES: Another good program you should try is one for your legs.

Start simply by attaching ropes and pulleys to your . . . and work up to ankles . . . the more difficult.



VI. JOGGING: Here's another exercise good for not only leg development, but also other parts of your body as well.

Instead of taking convenient transportation, jog to where you're going.

However, we suggest checking out your route ahead of time.



VII. SHOT-PUTTING: There are many ways to build-up those sagging biceps too, including push-ups, chin-ups and the most difficult of all — the shot-put.

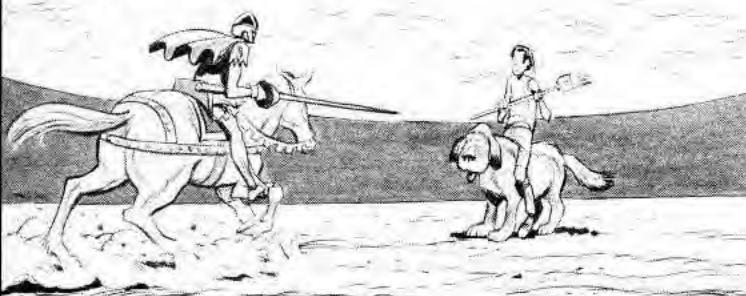


THE WIND-UP

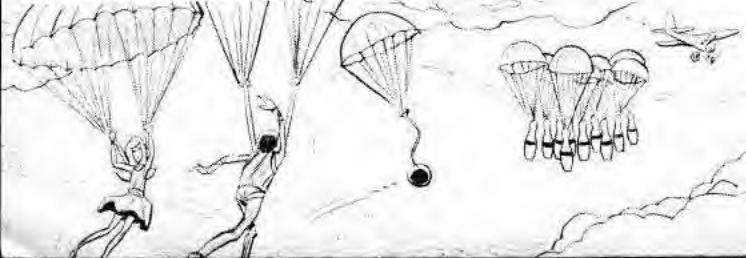
THE RELEASE

THE LANDING

JOUSTING



AND FREE-FALL BOWLING



Now, remember how we started — with you being degraded! Well, if you've followed this guide . . .

Yup! It'll probably happen to you again because, you see, while you've been getting stronger — so's that other guy!!



CRACKED'S AMAZING CALCULATOR READOUTS

ANSWERS FROM PAGE 12...

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**Currently, there's a hot show on TV about three teenage friends—one of whom wants to be a writer . . .**

**. . . a second who is slightly awkward and always falling in love . . .**

**. . . and a third who is considered by some to be somewhat overweight.**

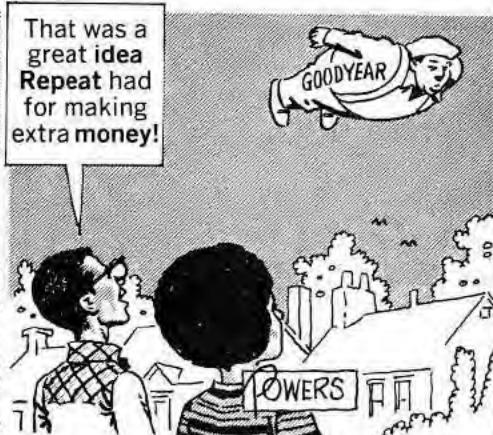
Cast your eyes on this Mama. I think it's one of my best efforts yet.

"Corn, peas, chicken, soda, plums . . ." You're right Raja — it's one of the finest shopping lists I've ever read.

Excuse me, but are you busy Friday night?

DRESS  
SALE

That was a great idea Repeat had for making extra money!



You've met the boys — Raja, Dwain and Repeat. Now read on to find

# WHAZ' HAPPENING?

"... whereupon she looked him in the eye and said . . ."

What'll it be?

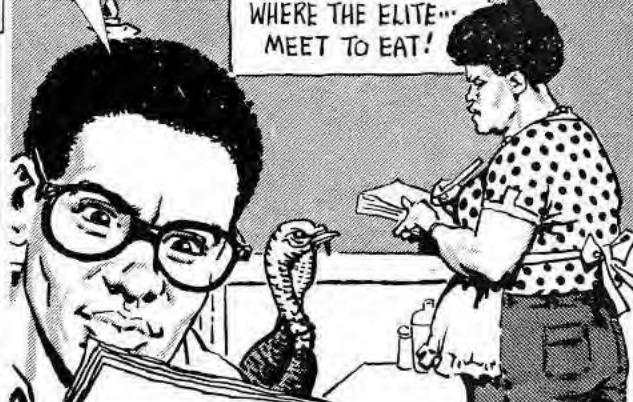
Shurley, you interrupted me right before a comma!

Look turkey, this ain't no writing clinic and if you don't order something, I'm gonna put you in a comma!

That's coma and O.K. — I order you to leave me alone . . . Dig!

Now, where was I? " . . . whereupon she looked him in the eye and said . . ."

OKAY, TURKEY! WHAT'LL IT BE?  
BOB'S PLACE WHERE THE ELITE... MEET TO EAT!



my homework!  
before dismissing the teacher a minute  
before dismissal she forgot to give the class  
CRACKED is reminding the teacher a minute

It may be, but you broke my train of thought.

Like Ernest Hemingway!

I'm sorry. You really want to be a writer some day, don't you?

So, what's up?

Raja, I'm in love — and this time it's the real thing.

How can you be so sure?

IT'S HEALED! FANTASTIC!

WE SERVE ON

True. But I have something almost as good.

WE SERVE ONLY BENDER'S PRETZELS

FISHES GOING TO BRAKEN TRAIN OF THOUGHT

TA-DA!

Well, the first time I saw her she was drinking a Coke — and you know what they say about Coke.

What does she look like, Dwain?

She's Diana Ross, Aretha Franklin and Gladys Knight all rolled into one!

FOR A REFRESHING DRINK TRY BUBBLE-FREE SUGAR-UP

DRINK BURPS-i-COLA IT BRINGS OUT THE BEST IN YOU!

What do you want?

Your order. These tables don't make any money sitting here empty.

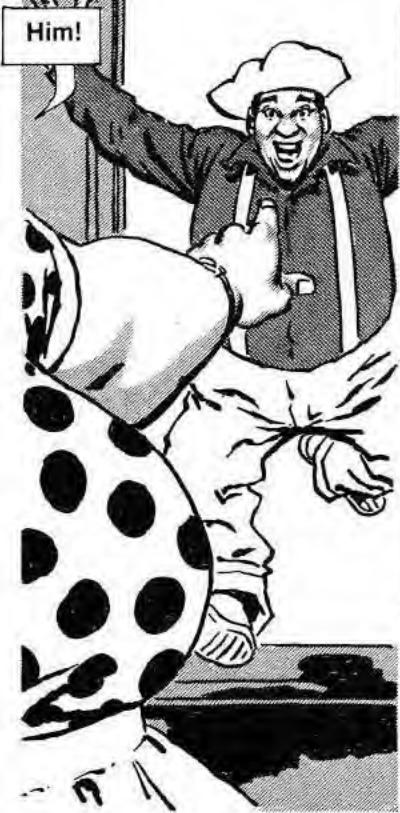
I don't know. I didn't ask it.

How's the chicken today?

EAT AT BOB'S NOW - BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALTH GETS WISE

She must weigh 400 pounds!

I'm real thirsty. What's the biggest thing you got in here?



What is this — National Starvation Week?

O.K., maybe I can force down a slice of cheese and 2 orders of fries.

Gotcha.

and 11 hamburgers, some onion rings, 60 hot dogs—and an avocado malted!

Thanks. One order from Repeat and this restaurant slides right out of the red.

What? How do you know my five bucks was phony?

THIS FOOD IS WORSE THAN AT ARNOLD'S!

When was the last time you saw Abe Lincoln wearing contact lenses?

IF THAT'S POSSIBLE!

O.K., what's up?

You're supposed to say "whaz' happenin'" — you know — keeping with the show's title! — Anyway. Remember that \$5 bill you lent me yesterday?

You're not gonna pay it back!

WAS STONEWALL JACKSON TAKEN FOR GRANITE?

I don't think I have to — it was counterfeit.

TRY PH DELICIOUS

You gotta go down to the police station tomorrow and answer a few questions.

Like what?

Like where you got that bill from and how many more you printed.



What makes them think I printed it?

Beats me. All I told them was that I got the bill from my friend **Raja Tomas** and please don't arrest him cause he didn't know what he was doing.

Thanks.

Hi Cee, where's Mama?

Well, if it ain't Daddy Fraudbucks.

Cee, I don't want you tellin' Mama about any of this. I'm concerned about her health.

Yeah. If she finds out and starts hitting me, she could hurt the back of her hand somethin' awful.

Hi Raja.

Mama! What are you doin' in the living room?

I live here — remember?

Oh yeah.

What's wrong with you?

I'd tell you Mama, but Raja doesn't want me to say anything about his having to go down to the police station tomorrow.

What'd you say?

I can't repeat it Mama cause Raja doesn't want me to tell you anything—right Raja?

You got a big mouth, Cee.

Young lady—you go back and study your spelling words. And you Raja—I want you to come clean.

How's that Mama?

CRACKED is taking your wife with you wherever you go because it's better than kissing her goodbye!



CRACKED is catching fish with your bare hands  
and discovering the stream is filled with piranha!

Hey fellas!

Everything straightened out?

Yup. Mama explained how she got the bill in her pay envelope and gave it to me and they said thanks and told us to go.

Yeah.

Uh oh — you'd better go down to the supermarket and buy another side of beef Mama, otherwise the rest of us are gonna starve.

Well, now that that's settled I'm gonna make us some dinner. Either of you boys wanna stay?

By the way, Dwain, how's it going between you and your new girl.

She says that I'm the coolest guy around.

That's it Cee. Pack your bags.

What for Mama?

You're goin' away for a while.

Goin' where?

Reform school! Maybe they can do something about your mouth.

But I'm a million laughs Mama. I'm the juvenile sets' own Don Rickles.

there's not a well-mannered girl under the age of 12 left in America!

Do your homework, Angela.

Don't bug me Mama. If I wanted to be nagged, I would have stayed in school.

True. And that's why you're goin'! Thanks to your example . . .

How do you like my wool sweater, Jennifer?

It looked a whole lot better on the lamb!

TH'END

Throughout the years, we have presented some great interview articles and this month our streak continues as we talk with ... Well, why go into it here when Nanny will only say it all over again in the first panel. Instead, we'll just tell you up here that this month

# CRACKED INTERVIEWS THE WRITING KING

RHHD

Greetings everyone — Nanny Dickering again and have I got a treat for you. This month we're going to be visiting with the head writer of the magazine you're reading now — responsible for all the movie and TV satires and the great jokes on page 57 & 58 — none other than Mr. I.M. Amoron — THE CRACKED WRITING KING.



As you can see Nanny, I like to keep my personal life as fun-filled as the jokes I write.

That hand buzzer is pretty old stuff.

So are the jokes I write.



Tell me, I.M., where do you get your ideas from?

Well, if it's a movie satire, a lot of the ideas come from seeing the movie itself.

That makes sense.

It does?!! . . . I wonder why I do it then??



However, for most of my articles, a long creative process is involved.

Could you describe it?

I don't know. I think I'd have an easier time describing a henway.

What's a henway?

Oh, about 6 pounds.

THE FOUNTAIN OF GOUTH

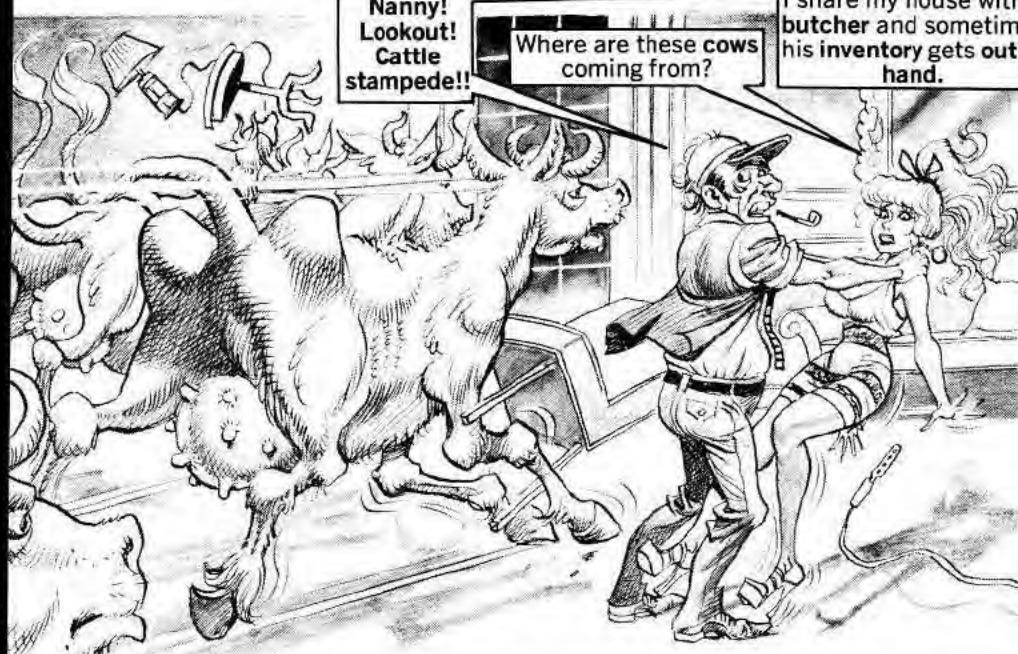


Nanny! Lookout! Cattle stampede!!

Where are these cows coming from?

I share my house with a butcher and sometimes his inventory gets out of hand.

Now, where were we . . . ? Oh yes! The creative process. It starts with me staring for a moment . . . then a glimmer of a thought enters my head. I ferret it out . . . and I refine it, then . . .



I throw it all away and copy what I need from a back issue of Time.



How did you get your job at CRACKED, Mr. Amoron?

Pure luck. In fact, why don't I just tell you the story in a flashback.

That would be different.

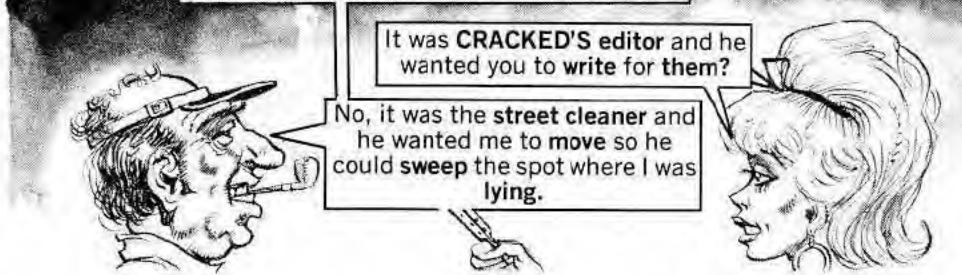
One day I was lying in a gutter — no job — no friends — no food — just a thousand dollar bill in my pocket!

\$1,000 bill!!!!  
Why didn't you spend it and buy some food?

I couldn't get change!



Suddenly, a man tapped me on the shoulder.



It was CRACKED'S editor and he wanted you to write for them?

No, it was the street cleaner and he wanted me to move so he could sweep the spot where I was lying.

But as I was moving, I bumped into another man. . .



Why are you going through that garbage?

I'm looking for unpublished articles for my magazine, CRACKED. I'm the editor.

Tell me, filthy bum, whom I despise, can you write?

I'm afraid not.

Then get away from me. You're infesting my fur collar.

POST NO BILLS  
or Bobs or Brucie either!



But I can type!

You can? — Wonderful! — You're hired! You're my new head writer!

And that's how it all started.

Do you remember what the first thing was that you wrote for him?

Yes — What was it?

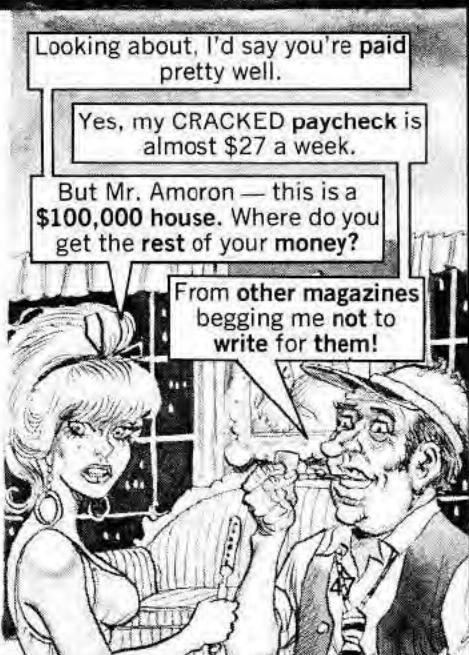
My phone number! — Otherwise, he would have never found me again!!

Looking about, I'd say you're paid pretty well.

Yes, my CRACKED paycheck is almost \$27 a week.

But Mr. Amoron — this is a \$100,000 house. Where do you get the rest of your money?

From other magazines begging me not to write for them!



My! Look at this on your desk.  
"Sylvester used a led pencil to right  
with. He waz . . ." Is this a letter from  
one of your fans?

No, that's  
my latest  
article.



Latest article? Mr. Amoron, I count  
some 20 misspelled words on this  
page!

20? — You're kidding! GREAT!  
Buying this dictionary really  
helped me.

"IF SHE WERE LYING ON  
A PLATE WITH A  
HERRING, YOU WOULDN'T  
BE ABLE TO TELL  
THE DIFFERENCE"  
W. ALLEN



Don't the editors frown on your  
spelling things wrong?

They love it. Ten of the last  
twelve checks they've sent me  
couldn't be cashed because I  
kept spelling my name AMURAN  
or AMURAEN on the  
endorsement. I've saved them  
thousands!!



Who's the one  
person who's  
influenced  
your writing  
the most?  
Woody Allen? . . .  
James Thurber?

Ziggy Dembrowski. He  
did something that  
helped my writing  
tremendously.

And  
what  
was  
that?

He bought me a pencil.  
Before that, writing  
was really hard.



CRACKED is running the 3 minute mile in half the distance!

I love the way your kitchen is decorated. It's so . . . Excuse me  
Mr. Amoron. Why are you taking the corn off that cob and  
throwing it away?

That's not  
normal?

No.

Then I'd  
better stop  
doing it.



Since you've been with CRACKED, what firsts have you come  
up with?

I picked the winning horse at Belmont last week.

No, I meant firsts in writing.

Oh! Well, I introduced the  
"Gerbil of the Month"  
feature where each issue  
another infamous gerbil from  
history was profiled. It got  
thousands of letters.



Funny, I never saw that feature.

That's because we got thousands of letters. Before the first article came out, readers were already complaining about how bad it was.



As a favor to my readers, could you tell us what some of the CRACKED artists are really like?

Well, I have it on good authority that John Severin can't draw a straight line!

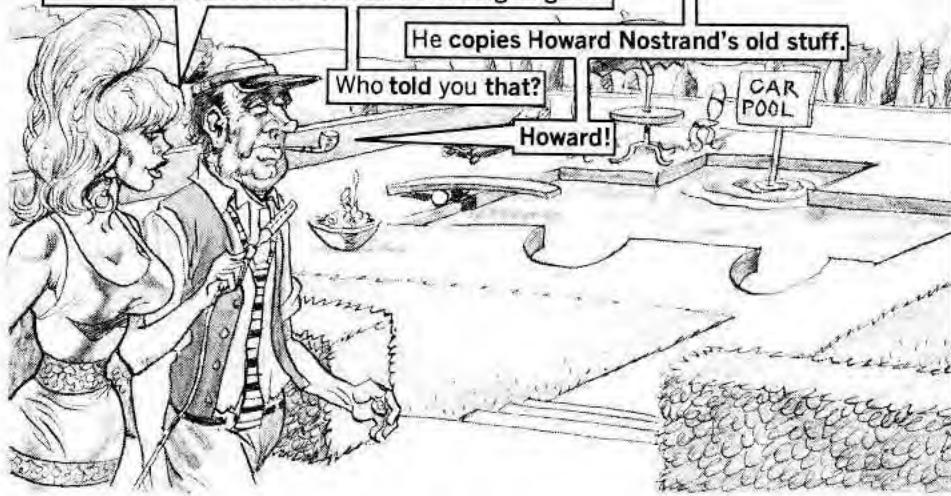
Then how does his stuff come out looking so good?

He copies Howard Nostrand's old stuff.

Who told you that?

Howard!

CAR POOL



And Bill Ward? Is he any good?

Judge for yourself.  
Did you ever see a finer arm?

Why no! And I'm pretty happy with the body he gave me.

I'm pretty happy with the body he gave you too!!!



One last request.

Can you tell us what the next CRACKED is going to be?

If you promise not to talk to the competition. I mean if NEWSWEEK ever finds out . . .

I won't  
Yes . . .

I have it on good authority that in the next CRACKED . . .

. . . there'll be 50 pages!

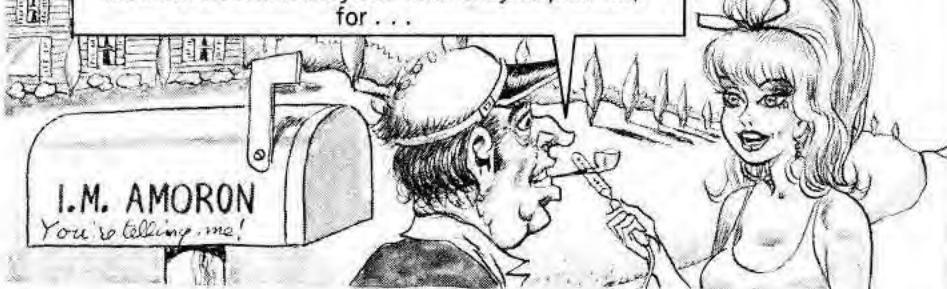
Now that's a hot tip!



Oh, I see — and you want to go and greet your fans.

And speaking of the next CRACKED, if you'll excuse me; today is the day the newest issue hits the stands.

Are you crazy!! — I wanna go and hide until their anger blows over. When they see what they've paid 60¢ for . . .



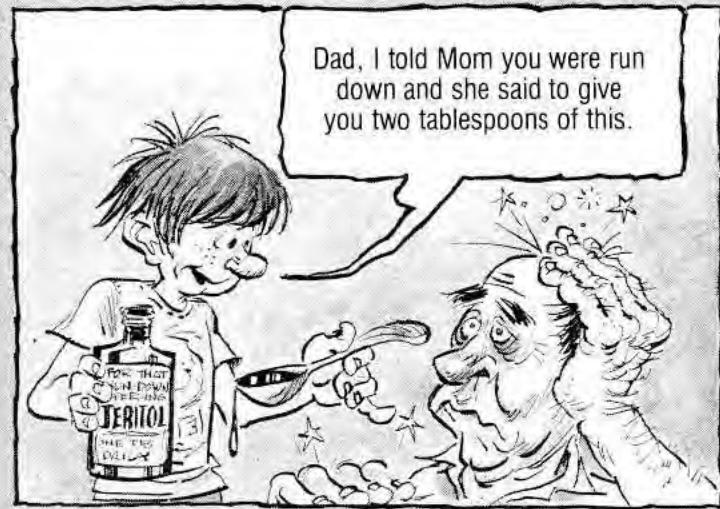
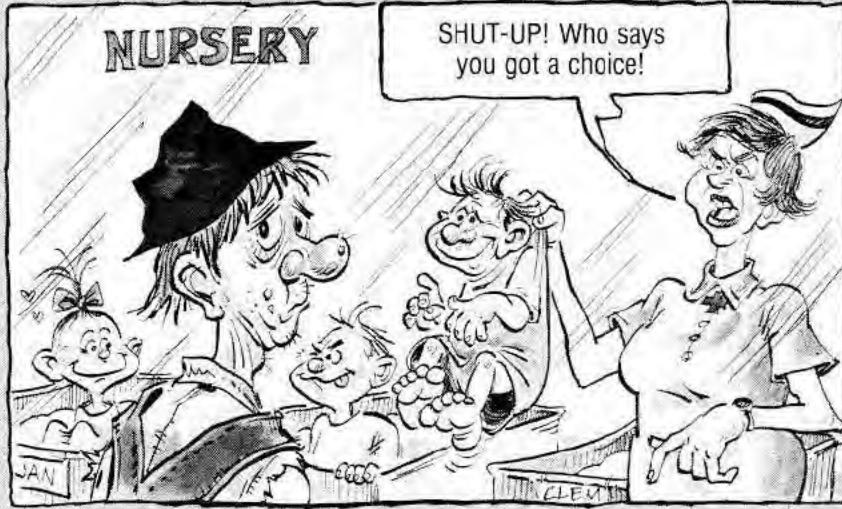
And this is Nanny Dickering hiding out with Mr. I.M. Amoron in some secret closet saying bye until next month.

Nanny — could you move over a little — you're crushing my rubber dwaff.

Sorry.



# SHUTUPS

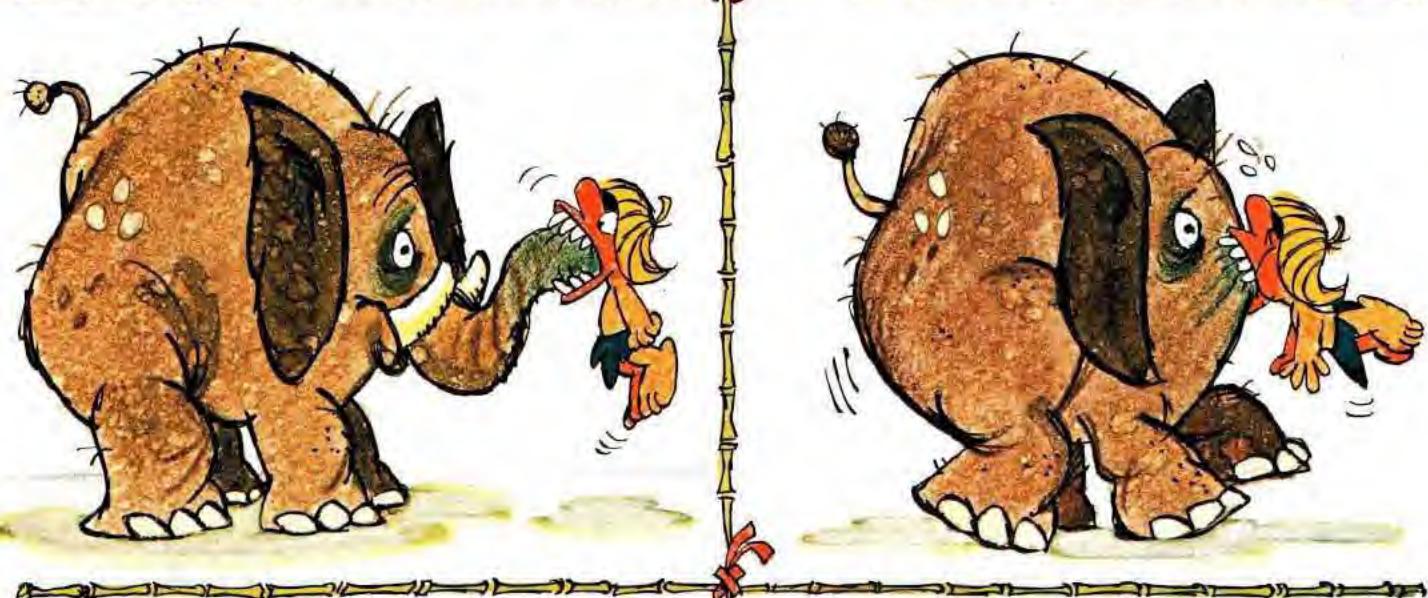


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# The angry elephant and Tarzan's son

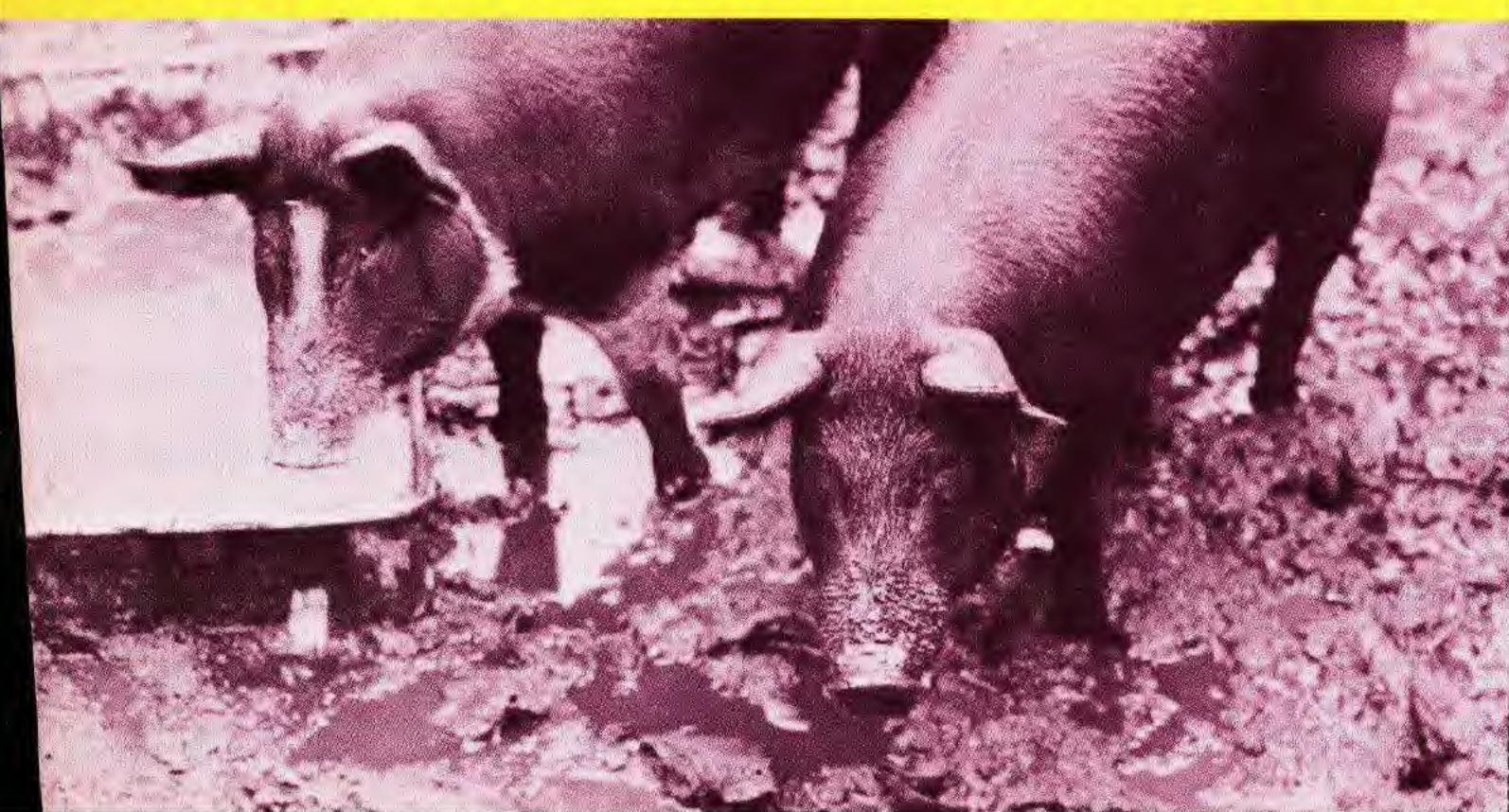


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**GREETINGS  
FROM  
BROOKLYN**

FAHEY  
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ROOMS  
TO LET  
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SEE SUPT  
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